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MP will vote for UK to leave European Union

MONTGOMERYSHIRE MP Glyn Davies has revealed he will vote for the UK to leave the European Union in the forthcoming referendum.

Conservative MP Mr Davies said he had "never believed that the UK should be subsumed into an undemocratic bureaucracy".

Mr Davies said he would not campaign for Brexit, saying the opinions

of all UK citizens were of "equal value".

The last of the 11 Welsh Conservative MPs to reveal his opinion, Mr Davies is the fifth wanting to leave the EU, with six in favour of remaining in.

He had previously said he wanted to consult local party members before deciding how he would vote in the

referendum on June 23. Mr Davies said: "Carrying out many differing responsibilities over last three decades, I have always worked enthusiastically and positively with the European Union in the best interests of whatever organisation I happened to be representing at the time.

"But put simply, I have never believed that the UK should be

subsumed into an undemocratic bureaucracy, which is today's European Union – and which I believe has always been the dream of those who have championed European integration from its beginnings in the 1950s. "I want the UK to work constructively with our European neighbours, but as an independent state, free to trade and engage with the whole

world." Meanwhile, it has been announced farming chiefs in Mid Wales will hold a series of debates ahead of the EU referendum.

One of the debates will be held at Welshpool Livestock Market on May 25 at 7pm.

The EU referendum debates are being staged by the Farmers' Union of Wales.

MAYOR WARNS OF A 'CRITICAL' YEAR

Report by Sue Austin

OSWESTRY'S new mayor has warned the next 12 months will be one of the most critical years in the history of the town council.

Mayor Paul Milner said the council would have to make "very hard decisions" on which services it is willing to take over from Shropshire Council.

Councillor Milner was speaking as he took over as the town's mayor at a ceremony on Monday and following a town council meeting last week in which it was claimed the loss of leisure centres and libraries would be a "catastrophe".

The mayor said: "Without doubt this is going to be one of the most critical years in the history of the town council and it leads us into the 2017 local elections. Perhaps our most significant challenge in the next 12 months, and a process that is now underway, is in terms of the discussions of market town councils with Shropshire Council over their financial difficulties and the future redesign for services such as libraries, leisure centres, public transport subsidies, and the ongoing maintenance of open spaces. Two options appear to be on the table to us. The first is to increase our precept and give the raised funds to Shropshire Council to actually pay for these services, and the second is to consider accepting a transfer of assets and costs with the service then being provided, and delivered, by the town council, or through partnerships. We have left an open door for discussions with Shropshire Council but at the end of the day we have to remember that local residents are already paying once for this service through their Council Tax and the town council itself has its own restrictions as it receives no government grants, has limited resources, limited capacity, little flexibility, and in some instances is lacking in the professional skills to actually deliver some of the services."

"We have committed to ongoing discussions but ultimately some very hard decisions will have to be taken."

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Mayor Milner

Goalie Joe gives a hand to charity fundraiser



Martyn Endean from Francesco Group in Telford and Sam Richards from Toni & Guy in Oswestry with the signed gloves. Photo: Steve Leath.

A PAIR of giant gloves signed by England goalkeeper Joe Hart helped raise £7,000 at a charity ball held in honour of a teenager who died during a fitness training session.

The glitzy affair at the Goldstone Hall Hotel in Market Drayton on Saturday night was held as a tribute to Matthew Dewhurst.

Matthew, of St Martins, near Oswestry, was a rugby-mad music scholar at Ellesmere College when he died from young sudden cardiac death at the age of 17 in 2012.

His parents Chris and Sue launched a fund-

raising and health awareness campaign, saying a simple preventative health check could have saved Matthew's life.

The condition kills 12 young people every week and there are said to be about 160,000 young people currently in the UK, aged 14 to 25 years, that have a life-threatening heart condition and don't realise it.

Mrs Dewhurst said the cash raised on the night would be able to pay for two more screening sessions in Shropshire to allow young people to get checked out.

The gloves signed by former Shrewsbury Town stopper Hart went for £460. Sports kit from former Shrewsbury Cricket Club batsman James Taylor, who recently had to retire from the sport because of a serious heart condition, was also sold at the auction. "We were delighted with how it went, it was a fantastic night," Mrs Dewhurst said.

"We always said this would be the last one we were going to do so it was good to go out with a bang."

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CRIME

Council will take action in battle against town yobs

TOWN council officers will man a phone line, monitor a website and check an incident book as part of new project to tackle anti-social behaviour.

The new drive has been launched by Welshpool Town Council to encourage people to report incidents in the wake of escalating problems with crime and vandalism.

Evidence will be gathered over two weeks during the summer and will be used to direct future policing policy and enforcement in the town.

A public meeting will be held in the coming weeks to get the views of residents about the project and booklets will be prepared and delivered to all homes in the town to encourage them to report anti-social behaviour.

Welshpool Town Council will launch a website where people can file reports, man a phone line and set up an incident book in the town's tourist information centre.

The project was agreed following a meeting between representatives of the town council, Dyfed-Powys Police and Powys County Council. The period set aside for the gathering of evidence will between June 20 to July 7.

Town Clerk Robert Robinson said: "The town council, Dyfed-Powys Police and Powys County Council are committed to working together to address the issues identified."

ENERGY

Major gas work project is to start

ONE of the busiest routes into Oswestry will be affected by more than two months of gas works from next week.

Homes and businesses in the northern part of the town will benefit from the replacement of their old metal gas pipes during a nine-week project.

But the work will affect roads including Gobowen Road – one of the main routes into Oswestry – as well as Beatrice Street in the town centre and several residential streets.

The work is part of a £350,000 scheme to update gas supply pipes. It will be carried out by Wales and West Utilities.

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Parents plan legal battle over school bus subsidy row

Report by Sue Austin

A BARRISTER has been instructed to fight on behalf of parents tied up in a row over subsidised bus travel.

Parents of children at Llanfyllin High School have enlisted a barrister to fight Powys County Council's decision to ban subsidised bus travel for out-of-catchment pupils.

The Friends of Llanfyllin High School held a meeting last week when parents were told legal advice was that there were several strong grounds on which the group could challenge the decision of the council.

A campaign fund has also been set up to pay for legal representation and supporters of the school are also being urged to sign a petition.

The meeting comes after the school was told to pay back £17,000 – half of the cost of the subsidised transport it will provide for out-of-catchment pupils from April to September – to Powys County Council last month. The school spent £500,000 over five years on providing transport.

Dave Weston, a member of the friends group, said: "We have instructed a barrister of our own to initiate a legal challenge to the decision of Powys County Council. Tools we can now consider include a group action against Powys County Council, an injunction to halt their harmful enforced immediate compliance to regulation 5.2, and a judicial review."

"Pupils, part-way through their academic career or even their GCSEs and A levels are faced with sudden, unexpected and large increases in their transport to school costs."

"Alongside the ongoing fundraising events, we are organising a crowd-funding scheme where parents and stakeholders can pledge money to support our fightback. People at the meeting pledged £100."

"If every parent and stakeholder could pledge £5, that will ensure Llanfyllin's campaign is fully funded."

Meanwhile, it has emerged this week that Llanfyllin High School has been judged by Estyn inspectors to be "adequate" following an inspection in February.

It represents a slip from the "good" rating at its previous inspection.

The school's leadership has said an action plan has been put in place to make the necessary improvements. The school's prospects of improvement were judged as "adequate" by the inspectors.

College to benefit from fundraising cycle



Chris Jones and Dave Henaughan are taking part in a charity bike ride with some of the funds helping Derwen College

A FATHER has started a mammoth journey cycling more than 1,000 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise money for two charities close to his heart.

Chris Jones, from Cannock, has been inspired to undertake the feat as a way of giving something back for all the support he and his family have received since his son's diagnosis of autism at the age of two and a half.

He is raising money for the Derwen College at Gobowen near Oswestry and the Special Needs Adventure Playground (SNAP) in Cannock.

His son, Paul Grainger, 24, has spent the last five years at Derwen College and is due

to leave in June. Mr Jones said: "Paul has greatly benefited being able to experience supported work and supported independent living and has so many opportunities to experience life skills and responsibility."

He is hoping to complete the Lands End to John O'Groats charity cycle ride by May 22 and will be accompanied by work colleague Dave Henaughan.

Both work for Biffa Waste Service which is partly supporting the challenge.

Mr Jones said he began training nine months ago and said after his first ride of just 12 miles he was exhausted.

"We have been training at the evenings and weekends in all weathers," he said.

"We have both invested in bikes and equipment and my partner, Annette Grainger, is driving a support car carrying spares and equipment throughout the route." The Special Needs Adventure Playground is on the Pye Green Road in Cannock and the challenge will raise money to refurbish a light sensory room for children with disabilities.

Money raised for Derwen College will go to refurbish a student bungalow for young people with learning difficulties.

Donations for Chris's bike ride can be made at <https://m.facebook.com/Blazing-saddles/> or <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Chris-and-Dave>



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Owners fear pet cats are being stolen

PET lovers fear a cat snatcher is at work in Oswestry.

They say they fear the culprits are gathering pets for live bait in illegal dog fights after several cats went missing without trace in one neighbourhood in a matter of weeks.

Tuss, a fluffy grey, went missing from Cabin Lane on April 5, Arthur, a friendly ginger tom, was last seen in the Smale Rise area on May 4, Chester a fluffy black cat with big yellow eyes went missing from Cabin Lane and Bradshaws last Wednesday.

Chester's desperate owner, Alice Williams, has offered a reward and has appealed for information about her pet. Another reward has been offered for information about a tabby with a white throat that went missing on February 16 and a large black and white cat with a black bushy tail, that went missing on May 21, 2015, is still unaccounted for.

Distraught Zoe Powell who lives at Greyfriars says her two-year-old cat, Albert has been missing for three weeks along with many of her friends' much-loved felines in the Whitefriars, Blackfriars and Cabin Lane area.

"We have almost given up on finding Albert alive and other people who have lost their cats are feeling the same," she said. "We don't feel it is normal for so many cats to go missing in such a short space of time in one area."

Woman treated after house fire

A WOMAN was treated for smoke inhalation after a fire broke out at a house.

The fire was caused by a washing machine.

Firefighters attended the fire in Drenwydd, Park Hall, Oswestry, on Monday morning.

The fire resulted in a 29-year-old woman requiring treatment from the ambulance service for slight smoke inhalation.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service was called out shortly after 11am.

Two crews from Oswestry attended the scene, as well as an operations officer.

The fire was out on arrival and the crews moved the washing machine outdoors, using a thermal imaging camera to check for hotspots.

They left the scene shortly before 11.40am.

Report by Naomi Penrose

COMMUNITIES across Shropshire losing their leisure centres and libraries would be a "catastrophe", it has been claimed.

At a special meeting of Oswestry Town Council, Councillor Duncan Kerr told fellow members that they "must step up to the plate" and take over the running of community services from Shropshire Council.

Councillors heard a report on the beginning of discussions with the local authority and a redesign of services to match Shropshire Council's budget.

It comes after town and parish councils and community groups across the county were last month told they had five months to come up with suitable agreements to manage or fund at-risk services, as Shropshire Council is looking to save £61 million from its budget by 2018/19.

Councillor Kerr told councillors: "This could be disastrous. Losing leisure centres and libraries would be a catastrophe. I'm one of the strongest critics of Shropshire Council but I do think the town council needs to step up to the plate for the interests of the community."

"If it's in the best interests of the community to retain some of the assets then that's the best decision."

He warned councillors they couldn't slow down any decision making.

"We don't have long. I think we only have four months and I would urge us to progress and model what the budget would look like and see what it would mean," he said.

David Preston, clerk to the town council, asked councillors whether they would be prepared to accept a transfer of assets or if not, prepared to raise the precept.

He said: "This is a very serious issue and does pose a threat to the dynamics of how we operate but if we don't support these services, they could be at risk."

Councillor Chris Schofield raised the issue about double taxation being imposed on residents. "Some residents hardly use some of the services and would it be fair for town residents subsidising rural communities?" he said.

Councillors agreed to support the redesign of services but to note the impact on the town council. Mr Preston told them a seminar would be held to enable a response to be made to Shropshire Council.

And among the winners at the

Hospice boosted by business awards



Martin Wright hands over £4,045 to Lynsey Kilvert and Angela Carrigan from Hope House Hospice

THERE were plenty of big winners at a prestigious business awards ceremony organised by the Chronicle's sister paper The Shropshire Star.

And among the winners at the

Excellence In Business Awards was Oswestry's Hope House Children's Hospice. The annual awards ceremony at RAF Cosford saw businesses dig deep to raise money for the charity, and the final figure was £4,045. Shropshire Star editor Martin Wright handed over a cheque for the sum to fundraisers Angela Carrigan and Lynsey Kilvert.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chinook pilot will be guest speaker

THE pilot of a Chinook helicopter who has done four tours of Afghanistan is giving a talk at Welshpool on Friday next week about his experiences.

"He will be giving a talk and showing a film about flying in Afghanistan in the dust and heat," said John Roberts, one of the organisers.

The speaker is Squadron Leader Tim Andrews, of 18 Squadron, based at RAF Odiham.

The event has been organised by Welshpool Town Council, Welshpool Air Show, and Mr Roberts, and is at the Assembly Room at Welshpool Town Hall at 7.30pm, with proceeds divided between the air show and Combat Stress. Tickets are £10 from Welshpool Tourist Information Centre, or on the door.

More details from Mr Roberts on (01938) 810499.

Cars parked in village damaged

TWO vehicles were damaged in separate incidents in a village overnight.

The offences occurred in Gobowen on Saturday night.

The first was at Hammonds Place where a repeat victim had two tyres punctured, and the second report was from the Cornwall Avenue area where the victim had all four tyres damaged.

A spokesperson from Oswestry Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team said: "Please help police bring offenders to justice and maintain Gobowen as a safe place to live, work and visit."

Anyone who witnessed or heard anything relating to the offences should call West Mercia Police's non emergency number 101.

Puppies found dead at roadside

FOUR newborn puppies have been found dead at the side of a road.

RSPCA Cymru is appealing for information after puppies were found in Plas Drain Road, Penycae, near Chirk. They still had their umbilical cords attached. Inspector Tim Jones said: "It looks like these puppies were dumped, but we don't know if they were already dead or had been alive when they had been left. They look like springer spaniel type puppies."

The puppies were discovered on May 4.

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Assembly Member outlines his priorities after victory

Report by Sue Austin

CONSERVATIVE Russell George has outlined his key priorities after holding on to his Montgomeryshire seat in the Welsh Assembly election.

Mr George increased his majority to 3,339 over the Liberal Democrat candidate Jane Dodds, saying he was "delighted" with the outcome.

Mr George, who has held Montgomeryshire since 2011, polled 9,875 votes. Mrs Dodds received 6,536 votes. It is the second disappointment for Mrs Dodds, who lost out in the General Election to Glyn Davies last year.

In third place was Des Parkinson of UKIP who polled 2,458 votes, with Aled Morgan Hughes of Plaid Cymru on 2,410. Martyn Singleton of Labour got 1,389 and Richard Chaloner of the Green Party received 1,389.

Mr George said: "Having represented Montgomeryshire for the last five years, I am delighted that the people of the area where I was born and brought up have put their faith in me to represent them for a further five years, and I will continue to champion local causes in the Assembly chamber."

"My priorities will be to fight for improved health services in Montgomeryshire, improve broadband and mobile signal, support our small businesses, and ensure we continue to have a good education service in our area. I am grateful to local people for their support."

In Clwyd South, which includes Chirk and much of the North Wales/Shropshire border, Labour's Ken Skates won the Assembly election with 7,862 votes. He was 3,016 votes ahead of Conservative candidate Simon Baynes, from Llanfyllin, who took second place with 4,846.

Mr Skates said: "It's been a huge privilege to serve the communities right across the constituency. But the gloves really are going to have to come off now."

"I have seen more than ever the suffering of people due to austerity, by having welfare taken off them whether it is the elderly, single mothers or immigrants and I want to be there fighting for as many people as possible."

In third place was Plaid Cymru candidate Mabon ap Gwynfor on 3,861, fourth was UKIP's Mandy Jones on 2,827, fifth was the Lib Dem's Aled Roberts on 2,289 and last was the Green Party's Duncan Rees on 474.

In the regional voting for Mid and West Wales, UKIP's Neil Hamilton was elected along with Simon Thomas of Plaid Cymru and Labour pair Joyce Watson and Eluned Morgan.

Labour has retained the largest number of seats in the Welsh Assembly but failed to gain an overall majority.

Spinal team vying for award



The Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries team has been nominated for a national award. A SPECIALIST spinal injuries team at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital is vying for national recognition after being shortlisted for a prestigious award.

The team from the Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries (MCSI) has been named in the final three for the outstanding team award in the Rebuilding Lives Awards, organised by the Spinal Injuries Association.

They will be up against Ward 17 at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, and the Case Management Team from the National Spinal Injuries Centre in Buckinghamshire.

Mark Brandreth, the hospital's chief executive, said: "Our team from MCSI do a fantastic job and this nomination is well deserved. The feedback I have seen from

patients and their families has overwhelmingly been positive about the quality of the care which the dedicated staff provide. It truly is a world class service."

Beverley Tabernacle, director of nursing, added: "To be nominated for such a prestigious award is testament to the quality of care provided by our spinal injuries team."

"They are always willing to do that bit extra for our patients." The awards will be presented in a ceremony at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole on June 9. Representing MCSI at the event will be consultants Joy Chowdhury and Aheed Osman, ward manager Rebecca Warren, nurse consultant Alison Lamb and business co-ordinator Heather Edwards.

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Companies' backing 'vital to success of BID proposal'

Report by Naomi Penrose

AMBITIONS to create a Business Improvement District in Oswestry must be led by the town's firms or the proposal will fail, chamber of commerce bosses have warned.

The chamber is to stage a meeting in July to present the BID plans to businesses.

The BID idea would mean a slight increase in rates paid by each business in the area, but the money raised could then bring in matched funding for projects to improve the town centre and attract more visitors. Members of the chamber along with council chiefs attended a meeting with a representative from BID UK in April to discuss the process.

Broadcaster to launch new centre

BROADCASTER Trevor Fishlock is to officially open a new history centre.

The Workhouse at Llanfyllin is regarded as one of the finest examples of a Victorian workhouse to survive and the history centre that opens on Saturday at 2pm will tell the story of the 19th Century Poor Law, introduced in 1834 to cut the cost of benefits and reduce dependency.

TV historian and presenter Trevor Fishlock will cut the tape at 2pm at an event billed as a History Day. Publicist John Hainsworth said: "As well as a talk by Trevor on the Davies sisters of Gregynog who did so much for Wales and a big-screen showing of the new film there will be an exhibition of historic photographs and a weekend museum and these will continue on the Sunday with a family day featuring Welsh folk music and dance, gypsy caravans, Victorian arts and crafts for children, a craft fair and open workshops.

"Displays in a newly-restored wing of the historic building, created with the help of the Heritage Lottery Fund, will describe life for the paupers who were offered no alternative but the workhouse.

"Living conditions, including the diet, had to be worse for the inmates than for labourers living outside and the gruel served at Llanfyllin was only oats and water: not a drop of milk."

There will be a family trail and the centre will be open daily, from 10am to 5pm. Admission is free.

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Prestigious honour for firm



Tracy Knowles accepts the award from Shrewsbury Mayor Miles Kenny

A TOURIST attraction has been honoured with a gold tourism award to celebrate its contribution to the area.

The British Ironwork Centre in Oswestry received the award from Shrewsbury Town Council for its work to promote the county but also supporting Shrewsbury through contributing to the town's flower show and folk festival by supplying sculptures and outdoor furniture at the events.

The centre has also supplied the Quarry with a cast iron horse sculpture for the First World War garden located in the park in Shrewsbury.

Mayor of Shrewsbury, Councillor Miles Kenny, presented the award to chairman Clive Knowles' wife, Tracy.

Ben Knowles, Mr Knowles' son and opera-

tions manager at the tourist attraction, said his father was "completely overwhelmed and humbled" to receive the award. "We are continuing Clive's good work while he is in hospital ill and continue, wherever possible, to support both the towns of Shrewsbury and Oswestry. Our thanks go out to Shrewsbury Town Council for this prestigious award," he said.

He also thanked the council for lifting his father's spirits at a "difficult time".

The centre's latest work to date is working alongside Severn Hospice, whose headquarters are in Shrewsbury, in creating and supplying 3,000 beautiful metal forget-me-not flowers for their Forget-Me-Not Appeal. The flowers have been created to symbolise the life of someone special.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Really ambitious plans to create a Business Improvement District (BID) in the centre of Oswestry are to be applauded but must be supported by local firms if they are to be successful.

Oswestry Chamber of Commerce will stage a vital meeting in July to discuss the proposal but unless the idea gets the support of local businesses it will be a non-starter.

BID is all about using money from the private sector to regenerate areas of towns and make them more attractive and there are examples across the country of where the scheme has produced benefits.

The idea would mean a slight increase in rates paid by each business in the area, but the money raised could then bring in matched funding for projects to improve the town centre and hopefully attract more visitors. The questions local businesses need to know though is how big is "slight"? This is another brave initiative from a very active chamber of commerce and one well worth exploring.

Over the Shropshire border in Powys the Welsh Assembly Government elections have been completed with Conservative Russell George increasing his majority, despite frantic canvassing by Liberal Democrat opponent Jane Dodds. The Lib/Dems have been accused of overkilling their campaign by bombarding homes with leaflets, though the Conservatives were hardly any better, launching a telephone call exercise which even saw Plaid Cymru candidate Aled Morgan Hughes field a call asking for his vote. There has been an amazing turnaround in political thinking in Montgomeryshire since Lembit Opik lost the Parliament seat back in 2010. In 1997 he swept into power on a tidal wave of Liberal support only to lose out to Conservative Glyn Davies. Since then the Conservatives have increased their majority both in the London and Cardiff chambers.

Opik's flamboyant lifestyle kept him in the headlines – but for all the wrong reasons, it turned out and just as the public was beginning to lose faith with his party too.

The funniest thing I heard this week was the story about the Llanfairfechan racehorse owning syndicate whose mount finished fourth in a five horse chase at Chester. It appears the disappointed group were then mistaken for the winning party and invited into a Champagne reception where they enjoyed the hospitality of the racecourse bosses - and even signed for the winner's trophy. By the time the error was discovered the thirsty racegoers had quaffed most of the bubbly on offer and downed the nibbles, leaving their red-faced hosts searching for extra bottles.



Oswestry Mayor Peter Cherrington dances with the Flashmob dancers of the Derwen College



Eva McArthur has a go on the smoothie bike at the Health Awareness Day



Eva McArthur enjoys a well-earned treat after making a smoothie at the Health Awareness Day

WORKING FOR YOU

It was very disappointing to learn last month that the Ministry of Defence has decided that Tern Hill barracks is to be vacated by 2020 as part of the plan to rationalise its estate by 30 per cent by 2040. As much as we will miss the presence of the army we should all want our military to be placed in the best possible accommodation. I have already discussed this issue with the Minister responsible, Mark Lancaster MP. My first concern when I heard the news was for the future of the 1st Battalion Royal Irish Regiment who have been based at Tern Hill since 2007. The regiment has been an enormous asset to the local area and has integrated with the community like no other. The Tern Hill location with its proximity to Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester has been exceptionally convenient for Irish soldiers visiting home. I have built up close links with the regiment since their arrival in North Shropshire as both local MP and in particular the five years I spent as Shadow and Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. One of my proudest moments was being involved in the parades of the Royal Irish Regiment through Market Drayton, Shrewsbury and Belfast following their successful operation in Afghanistan in 2008. Large numbers of people turned out and there was a genuine sense of admiration and gratitude for what they had done. I know that the people of North Shropshire will miss them but wish them well as they go on to new challenges when they leave Tern Hill in 2020. However the release of this land presents a one-off, exciting opportunity to grow the local economy and ease pressure on our housing needs. It is vital that there is a seamless transition when the site is handed over and that the redevelopment at Tern Hill maximises the benefit locally. I spoke to the Minister again last week and we agreed to work closely together to ensure that there is a plan in place to guarantee a smooth handover when the MoD withdraws from the site in 2020.

I am setting up a Tern Hill Task Force to ensure that the transition of the site from the MoD to the private sector is planned to the advantage of local people.

Meanwhile, the Rotary Club of Oswestry has also been involved in promoting health and well-being locally by presenting cheques from its highly successful Tree of Light fundraiser. The Christmas appeal raised more than £6,200 last year and much of the money has gone to health projects in Oswestry.

A donation was given to The Alzheimer's Society Oswestry Dementia Cafe for some new musical instruments for its service users.

Money was also given to the Oswestry organisation of St John Ambulance to enable it to take First Aid training into schools and help provide teaching at events such as the Oswestry Rotary Club's LifeLine Event at Park Hall. A donation was presented to the North Shropshire Special Olympics group while another beneficiary was the Transhouse Trust.

The trust is an Oswestry organisation that helps patients who have suffered life-changing spinal injuries by providing short-term accommodation and support to enable them to leave hospital whilst providing assistance as they prepare for their maximum level of independent living and quality of life.

The Marches Riding for the Disabled Association group was another beneficiary from the Tree of Light appeal.

Hope House Children's Hospice also benefited from the Tree of Light appeal. The charity at Morda near Oswestry said it was delighted with the support.

And a donation was also given to Oswestry & District Stroke Club.

Rotary club leads the way on health awareness

A health initiative by the Rotary Club of Oswestry was a big success. NAOMI PENROSE reports

MEMBERS of a rotary club are doing their best to ensure the people of Oswestry enjoy the best possible health.

The Rotary Club of Oswestry recently held a hugely successful Health Awareness Day at the town's library.

Organisers say the event brought extra visitors to the town's library to take advantage of the health advice and information on offer from the stall holders attending.

Peter Hill from the club said: "Although some were just there for the books, visitor numbers for the day topped 850 representing a healthy increase for both the library and the expected health awareness visitor numbers."

"By providing direct contact between the public and health organisations, the event aims to promote health awareness for the people of Oswestry."

"However, individuals and organisations with similar or overlapping aims found it very useful as a meeting place to develop networks and valuable contacts who might not otherwise meet each other – an added bonus."

"Drawing the attention of many visitors was the smoothie bike where visitors were invited to blend themselves a healthy fruit smoothie drink, with fruit donated by Morrison's supermarket, in a blender powered by pedalling the bike themselves."

"Visitors also enjoyed the fantastic Flashmob dancers from the Derwen College who they commented 'were lively and added some sparkle'."

Oswestry Town Council Mayor Peter



Derwen College's Flashmob dancers attended the Health Awareness Day

Cherrington entered into the spirit of the event with gusto during his visit, managing to make a smoothie, dance with the Flashmob and then have his blood pressure taken.

The club is delighted that, in all, nearly 30 organisations attended and supported the day, including St John Ambulance, Derwen College, Healthwatch Shropshire (Smoothie Bike/Wheels 2 Work), the Shropshire Deaf and Hard of Hearing Forum, Oswestry Stroke Club, Alzheimer's Society, Wise and Well Development, NHS Choices, Time For You/Time To Listen, Citizens Advice Bureau, Shropshire Council Children's Centres and Willow Gallery and Make a Mark.

In addition the club is grateful for the prizes donated for the treasure hunt which ran on the day; the Derwen College donated a food hamper and Oswestry Leisure Centre gave a month's free membership.

"Oswestry Stroke Club also generously provided the teas and coffees."

The event is not the only health promotion initiative the Rotary Club of Oswestry is involved with.

Earlier this year pupils from Oswestry schools walked around Cae Glas Park to raise funds for rotary's End Polio Now campaign.

Polio is a serious viral infection and, although many people with polio will have no symptoms and won't know they're infected, for some the polio virus causes temporary or permanent paralysis, or even death.

In 1985, when the annual number of cases was 350,000 worldwide, the worldwide rotary organisation started its campaign to eradicate polio.

Together with the World Health Or-

ganisation, and with the recent support of The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, through funding the supply of vaccine and providing volunteer vaccination workers to travel to remote villages where the virus still threatens, the worldwide total for 2015 fell to 101 cases.

Although there hasn't been a case of polio caught in the UK since 1984, the virus is still found in other parts of the world.

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EX-PARTNER HAS PAID NO MAINTENANCE FOR OUR CHILDREN IN 2 YEARS. WHAT CAN I DO?

Q: My ex-partner and I separated over 2 years ago and our two children have lived with me ever since. He has not paid any maintenance for the children and whenever I try to discuss it with him we always end up arguing and cannot agree.

I am a single parent and I pay all the bills by myself. On top of this, I have to pay for everything the children need and I am really struggling. Is there anything I can do to make my ex-partner pay maintenance?

A: You have obviously tried to put in place a private arrangement regarding how you will both financially contribute to the upkeep of your children. This is called a 'family-based arrangement'. Generally speaking this is the recommended form of arrangement because it can be specifically worked out to suit your family's situation and provide flexibility for amendment. If you are struggling to reach an agreement, however, mediation may help.

In 2012 The Child Maintenance Service was introduced and this can calculate how much your ex-partner should pay to you based on a standard formula. A binding agreement can then be put into writing and the calculated maintenance payment can be collected from your ex-partner and passed on to you. Alternatively arrangements can be made for payments to be paid directly from your partner to you if that is suitable.

There are some factors which must be met for you to qualify for a child maintenance arrangement. Your solicitor can advise you on your eligibility. If you believe that the amount decided by the CMS is insufficient you can apply to the court for an Order. This Order will make the agreement between you and your ex-partner legally binding and if your ex-partner does not keep to what has been agreed, you can enforce the Order through the courts.

This question has been answered by Linda Hill, a Senior Solicitor with GHP Legal.

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Sad demise of our car making industry

I NOTED with interest Boris Johnson's appearance at the Europa Worldwide Warehouse at Dartford, Kent. It wasn't so much what he had to say about 'Brexit' it was his choice of transport - a large red lorry. I was equally fascinated by a small square panel to the rear of both the driver and passenger doors, Renault trucks. Surely Boris you would need a British truck to accompany a Brexit? I am old enough to remember when roads were occupied by British trucks, vans and lorries.

AEC (Associated Equipment Company) had its manufacturing base in Southall, London, and ceased trading in 1979. Al-

bion Trucks was based in Glasgow and ceased trading in 1980. Seddon Atkinson was based in Preston and Oldham and was taken over by Iveco who moved production to Spain where the name was lost. ERF was based in Sandbach and became part of the MAN AG group. Foden was taken over by Daf. Guy was a firm based in Wolverhampton that ceased trading in 1982. Scammell became another part of the Daf empire and the factory was closed in 1988. I can see your predicament Boris but there again those schooled at Eton, educated at Oxford and socialised in the Bullingdon Club would not be aware of such decline. Over a period

of more than 30 years this country's manufacturing base has shrunk by two thirds. In 1950 British production accounted for 10 per cent of global exports. By 2009 this had shrunk to three per cent. In the 1960s a million people worked in car production, by 2009 it was 180,000. Manufacturing is now one tenth of the UK economy but the service industry has grown to 75.8 per cent. Should we be faced with a war situation similar to that faced in 1940 is this country able to produce the materials and equipment required to be able to survive?

S J PEARCE
Berriew

We will all be on the wrong road if vote means we stay

FOR those of us who were around when we had the first referendum we were voting for a common market, we were lied to then and we are being lied to now.

David Cameron is preaching from the same book as Ted Heath in this matter. What we have lost to the EU to date as far as I can remember are the following:

We lost our monetary system, it went from pounds shillings and pence, we had to go decimal, but it was still called a pound.

Our temperature was changed to Centigrade from Fahrenheit and when I now see weather forecasts on the TV saying that it will be 20 Celsius it still does not make me feel warm.

Our weights and measures went from ounces, pounds, cwt and tons to kilograms and parts thereof, our liquid measure went from pints, quarts and gallons, to litres and parts thereof. We also changed our measurements from feet and inches to metres and kilometres.

All this was done for the sake of conformity and harmonisation, all this cost us a great deal of money, and I do not know of anything that was changed in the EU to benefit us.

Now to what we have left. We drive on the left hand side of the road, and we are the only country in the EU to do this, with the total population of the EU far exceeding ours. If we vote to stay in, just how long will it be before we have to conform to the EU and drive on the right hand side of the road?

K BEDDIS
Yockleton

Who will give us the steel?

WHILE I await news on the fate of the steel works at Port Talbot, I cannot help but think about the timing of this situation.

It is widely expected that the HS2 rail link will soon get the green light with a likely cost of £50 billion plus.

This massive project will need steel, lots of steel.

All the rails, gantries, reinforcing for concrete and many other applications will use steel. Where would this steel come from? I fear that all will have to be imported if Port Talbot is allowed to close. As a comparison, Germany does not import steel, it has protected its interests even if it incurs the wrath of the EU regulations.

I cannot help but think that this is why the incumbent government is presently making friendly overtures towards China and signing major trade deals to allow the purchase of highly state-subsidised Chinese steel at the expense of UK jobs, further overseeing the demise of British industry.

If the same level of bail out was given to the steel industry that the banks received after the 2008 global crash, they would have enough to stay open for another 200 years.

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How did it end up this way?

I recognise that there have been cuts to council services with regard to clearing up litter, but ultimately this is our responsibility.

I think his name was Jesus.

Trump the orator is next threat to our loving world

HERE we go again!

I find it hard to believe how gullible people can be when addressed, en masse, by the wolf in sheep's clothing.

All down the ages we have witnessed the clever orator getting away with it; even being lauded as a saviour.

Hitler made capital out of mass hysteria, and brought the world to its knees.

Iris, those experts in terror and pain, qualified to corrupt the most innocent.

And now we have Trump.

What does it take before the American citizens, of all people, realise that they have a dangerous man in their midst?

Perhaps they will realise when he has poisoned their souls with his preaching, but by then it may be too late.

However, on the other side of the coin, I believe there was once a simple man who had the personality and power to attract and address thousands, but he advocated love.

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Postcard shows views of street in village



"Castle Street, Whittington," is seen here in a postcard with the postcard being franked on November 10, 1905. The written message on the back said: "This is a card with a view of the place where I am staying." This picture is from the postcard collection of Ray Farlow.

We are enjoying best of both worlds thanks to EU deal

THOSE who argue that the EU exerts too much influence over our daily lives don't just ignore the benefits which we've derived from membership both economically and in terms of the increased rights we enjoy as citizens and consumers.

They also overlook the ways in which the UK has successfully negotiated a far greater degree of autonomy than most of the other 27 EU members. Mrs Thatcher negotiated the massive rebate the UK still receives on its contribution to the EU budget. The Labour Government kept the UK out of the Eurozone. Successive Conservative and Labour governments refused to sign up to the Schengen agreement so that we still have our own passport and border controls while 26 of our European partners do not. Now David Cameron has negotiated that in future EU agreements "references to ever closer union do not apply to the United Kingdom". More than any other EU member, the UK is already enjoying the best of both worlds.

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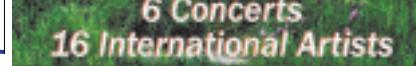
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Dog owners are given 15-year ban

A MAN and a woman have been disqualified from keeping animals for 15 years after admitting causing unnecessary suffering to two dogs.

The RSPCA said Kimberly Georgina Dixon, 21, and Calum Scott Jones, 24, pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to a Labrador, known as Bronson, and a German Shepherd, called Kiara, by failing to provide them with an adequate diet or a suitable environment and failure to protect them from pain, suffering, injury and disease.

The couple, of Hoel Bowys, Llanfair Caereinion, were both disqualified from keeping all animals, apart from birds, for 15 years and were ordered to pay £150 costs each at Welshpool Magistrates Court.

Dixon was given an 18-week suspended sentence and Jones was given an eight-week suspended sentence.

RSPCA inspector Phil Lewis said "This is sad case for animal lovers. This was a case of deliberate neglect and it is awful to think what those poor dogs went through."

Volunteer plea by charity group

AN armed forces charity is appealing for more volunteers after seeing an increase in the number of people calling for support.

Bosses at the Soldiers, Sailors and Airforce Association says the number of service personnel, reservists and veterans asking for support has risen by 38 per cent over two years.

The number of cases the charity deals with has also increased from 346 in 2014 to 427 in 2015.

The charity's new county branch chairman, retired Brigadier Andrew Meek, has launched a search across Shropshire to find new recruits.

Anyone interested in helping volunteer should email shropshire@ssafa.co.uk or they can contact (01743) 344220.

By Dominic Robertson

THE Future Fit programme has been thrown into chaos after Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin's clinical commissioning groups split on whether to back the plans.

An extraordinary meeting of the two groups was held at Shrewsbury Football Club on Tuesday to decide whether to support the strategic outline case Future Fit, which effectively sets out the framework for which services will be retained at either Royal Shrewsbury Hospital or Princess Royal Hospital in Telford, including accident and emergency units.

After a heated public question session both groups were asked to vote on whether they backed a draft letter of support for the strategic outline case, with Shropshire voting against and Telford & Wrekin voting for. It came after Oswestry GP Dr Ian Rummens of Shropshire Local Medical Committee, a group which represents the county's GPs, said they could not back the strategic outline case.

Dr Rummens told the meeting: "We cannot believe the reorganisation of hospitals as envisaged will not transfer a significant proportion of work into the community with no evidence resources will follow."

Speaking after the meeting, David Evans, accountable officer of both groups, said he was still confident Future Fit would progress, but that discussions would have to find a way to overcome the concerns of the public and GPs.

Mr Evans dismissed suggestions from representatives of Shropshire Defend Our NHS that the split in the vote had been down to the likelihood of Telford retaining A&E services.

Spill leads to delays at roundabout



The clear-up operation begins at the Mile End roundabout near Oswestry. Photo: Jamie Ricketts.

TRAFFIC faced delays after a tractor spilled its load on a busy roundabout in Oswestry.

The tractor was carrying a bag of fertiliser on its way to Shrewsbury when it split open.

The contents spilled out on to the Mile End roundabout just before the school rush hour pick up time.

The spillage saw the fertiliser go down the drain, leaving highways staff trying to extract it during a clear-up operation. The accident on

Wednesday last week caused hold-ups for motorists. West Mercia Police spokesman Kieren Bodill said the police were called to the scene at 2.30pm.

He said: "The tractor was travelling towards Shrewsbury when the bags of fertiliser came off and split."

Highways officers also attended to help deal with the problem, while police were there helping manage the traffic.

Mr Bodill added: "The fertiliser

ended up going down the drain, which left highways officials trying to get it out." Disruption to motorists only lasted a little more than an hour as the roundabout was clear again by 3.35pm. There was further traffic delays later in the day when an accident involving a lorry caused more than two miles of tailbacks near a busy crossroads. The A5 in Weirbrook, between Shotton and Oswestry, was partially blocked on Wednesday evening.

One-handed park visitor banned from Smiler ride

A WOMAN who visited Alton Towers on a day out was told she couldn't go on the Smiler ride because she only has one hand.

Sarah Pond, 33, from Shrewsbury, was on a trip to the theme park when she was told she could not go on the ride, despite another person with a broken arm in a cast being allowed on.

Mrs Pond, who works for Amberleigh Care in Welshpool, was one of a group of six people to visit the attraction in Staffordshire on Friday. She said that until the time she tried to take her seat on the Smiler she'd had a great day.

The ride was involved in the accident last year that led to several people suffering serious injuries and the theme park closing for several days.

In a post on her Facebook page Mrs Pond said: "We come several times a year and have done for over 20 years.

"However I'm not happy with how I was treated on Smiler.

"We queued and were about to sit on the ride when I was told 'you need to get off, you have one hand'.

"Never in my life have I been spoken to like this. I was not offered a reason why when I explained I have been on this ride about 10 times on other days. I was still not given a reason. I did leave the ride but waited for the children I was with. This made me so angry and upset, but rather than spoil everyone else's time with an argument we left the park. Never in my 33 years of life have I been treated with such discrimination over being born without my hand." A spokesman for Alton Towers said that Mrs Pond couldn't ride the Smiler because it wouldn't be safe. It apologised that she did not get the experience Alton Towers would like its guests to have.

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Paintings at gallery focus of meeting

MEMBERS of an arts society will have the chance to catch up on the treasures on offer at a London gallery at a talk next week.

Instead of the critique evening planned for Wednesday next week, members of Oswestry and District Society of Artists will hear Sarah Gathercole talk about the paintings on show at the National Gallery.

The talk takes place at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Oswestry, and anyone wanting to join the society of local artists are welcome to attend.

Preparations are also now well underway for the society's spring exhibition at Chirk Castle.

Entry is free to the show which is taking place at the squash court behind the ticket office between May 28 and June 6.

A variety of art will be exhibited and credit card facilities are available to anyone wanting to buy a painting.

The society is appealing for help from members, friends and family to set up the exhibition at 10am on May 27. The society also has a trip planned to Sudley House, and Speke Hall, Liverpool today (Thursday). For further details about the society contact Carol James on (01691) 657987.

Five arrests made following disorder

FIVE people have been arrested after weapons were used in disorder in Oswestry.

West Mercia Police confirmed that an incident had taken place in the Castlefields area on Sunday evening, where weapons were used and injuries sustained.

Oswestry officers attended and arrested five people.

An investigation is ongoing.

WE MEAN BUSINESS

THE Chronicle's We Mean Business campaign celebrates Oswestry's businesses. This week we celebrate Carriages.

A new events venue created in a former railway engineering works has been officially opened.

Aptly named Carriages, the building off Gobowen Road once housed huge steam locomotives from the Cambrian Railways.

The part of the building which was once the blacksmith's smithy has been transformed into Councillor Peter Cherrington, performed the official opening praising owners, Mike and Nikki Lavin for bringing something different to the town.

Mrs Lavin said Carriages wanted to celebrate its past and was keen to work closely with the neighbouring Cambrian Railway and the museum.

"While the daytime coffee shop is already popular our main focus is our events bar which people can book for any occasion from a wedding, christening or birthday party to a company event," Mrs Lavin said.

"We are also holding themed nights from a comedy evening to a Dirty Dancing Night and Capital FM is hosting a weekend party here on May 29."

"The venue seems to suit all occasions and we are listening to what it is that the people of Oswestry want from a night out."

"If we can make it work then we will."

"We are delighted to be a part of Oswestry's railway history."



Mike Lavin, Councillor Peter Cherrington and Nikki Lavin at the official opening of Carriages

NEWS IN BRIEF

Town company has a new face

THERE is a new face at Oswestry firm Mark Kennett & Co Limited.

Margaret Loomba qualified as a chartered accountant while working in London in 1985. She moved back to Llanyblodwel near Oswestry in 1987 and has been working for a local firm of chartered accountants for nearly 30 years. During that time she has acquired a wealth of experience dealing with many differing aspects of accountancy and taxation on behalf of local businesses and those further afield. She has been involved in preparation of Margaret accounts for limited companies, partnerships and sole traders together with corporate and personal taxation.

Margaret is now looking forward to working alongside Mark Kennett to provide an excellent service and support to clients. They can be contacted by calling (01691) 650121 or by email Markkennett@btinternet.com or visiting 13 Oswald Road, Oswestry.

Victorian fun at tourist attraction

LLANGOLLEN Railway will be stepping back in time to the Victorian era on Saturday and Sunday.

The railway has is hosting a steam-filled historical experience for all the family to enjoy and savour.

There will be a visiting steam traction engine, Punch & Judy shows, live music and a railwayana exhibition, and people can embark on a steam-hauled trip down Memory Lane.

Berwyn, the station in the gorge, has been transformed back to its original Victorian appearance, complete with period posters and traditional coal fires.

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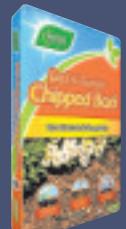
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NEWS IN BRIEF**Property demand reflected by sales**

THE huge demand for smallholdings and renovation properties with land in Mid Wales and the Shropshire border was underlined at a public auction in Shrewsbury, which realised nearly £2 million in an hour.

One of the properties sold by auctioneers Halls was Watery Lane, Trewley, near Welshpool, an attractive rural smallholding which extended to nearly 11 acres and exceeded its guide price at £206,000.

Intense pre-sale interest continued into the saleroom as Springfields, Rowley, Westbury, near Shrewsbury, a country cottage in a beautiful, unspoilt rural location, exceeded its guide price to sell for £253,000. Halls' director James Evans, who manages the company's Welshpool office, said: "The successful sale of Watery Lane and Springfields highlights the huge demand for renovation and rebuild properties in a rural location, particularly with land."

Parking charges a 'kick in the teeth'

A COUNCILLOR has described a hike in car parking season tickets as a "kick in the teeth" for motorists, shoppers and employees.

Powys County Council announced new parking rates last week. The permit cost will rise by £50 to £325.

Welshpool Town Councillor Graham Breeze said: "This is another kick in the teeth for people working and shopping in Welshpool and will lead to even bigger parking problems for the town."

An increase in permit prices introduced in 2015 was the first increase for some considerable time, the county council said. The permits are available for one month, three, six and 12 months and represent considerable value against daily ticket purchases, the county council said.

Refresher workshops on offer to senior drivers

Report by Naomi Penrose

DRIVING refresher workshops are now available for senior drivers in Mid Wales.

Mature Motoring workshops are two-hour informal courses developed and delivered by Powys County Council's Road Safety Unit, thanks to Welsh Government funding.

The free workshops are aimed at Mid Wales drivers aged 65 years and older, and they focus on issues such as driving licence requirements, the effects of medication, personal safety while driving, winter driving, the dangers of drink driving and not wearing seatbelts.

Residents, aged 65 and over, are also offered the chance to take part in a free one hour practical drive with an approved driving instructor.

Organisers say the Drive On scheme is a confidential and practical assessment that helps those taking part to develop their skills and identify any areas of weakness, or lack of confidence that may have developed over the years.

Councillor John Brunt, cabinet member responsible for road safety at Powys County Council, said: "We hope that these free courses will help preserve and conserve valuable driving skills and make drivers more aware of what influences our driving, ultimately leading to a reduction in collisions and casualties in this vulnerable driving group."

The workshop and practical drive are both completely free to Powys residents.

For more information or to book onto a workshop in Montgomeryshire, call (01686) 611586.

Alternatively, people interested in learning more about the workshops on offer can email road.safety@powys.gov.uk

Search is on for missing turtle Flounder



Turtles Flounder and Ella basking in the sun before their bid to escape

A SUN-seeking turtle that lived up to its name and "turned turtle" after a sudden drop in temperature following the weekend's mini-heatwave has escaped in a bid to find warmer climes.

Concerned owners Eve and Steve Pearce, owners of Vine House bed and breakfast in Gwilsfield, near Welshpool, are appealing for sightings of their exotic pet. It is one of a pair of 11-year-old female Mississippi Map turtles that disappeared late on Tuesday after spending the weekend enjoying high temperatures in the family garden.

Flounder had been sunning herself with her turtle friend Ella all weekend as the mercury reached 26C but withdrew into her shell when thunder and lightning struck and cloudbursts filled the air. We were thrilled when our neighbour Clarence Rasquinha brought Ella back to us after finding her marching up the lane to his house," said Eve.

"But Flounder was nowhere to be seen. I've got a feeling that Flounder could be on the next plane to Spain with all the other sunseekers.

"Turtles love nothing better than to bask on rocks in the heat and that is what they've been doing all weekend."

Anyone with information should call (01938) 554431.

Auction set to hit our TV screens soon

AN auction that raised almost a million pounds through sale of a hill, property and land from is to appear on television this autumn.

A crew from a Channel 5 programme looking at property refurbishment projects was at Morris, Marshall and Poole's spring collective property auction in Welshpool where £900,000 of property and land was sold. More than 150 people attended the event in which a range of lots included a Grade II house near Churchstoke, land at Park Hall, a hill near Llandinam, offices and flats for development in Newtown and land at Salem Chapel at Trefnannay, near Welshpool.

Robert Hudson from Morris, Marshall and Poole said: "There was significant interest in the wide and varied property and land up for auction and we're pleased at the sales realised. Bidding was competitive for a number of the properties with most selling for above the guide price."

The next property auction will be held at Welshpool Livestock Sales in September. The name of the property programme will be revealed by Channel 5 later this year.

Cader Idris walk for ramble club

THE next Welshpool Ramblers walk will be on Sunday and will be an ascent of Cader Idris by the Pony Track.

The 7.5 mile walk will start from the Ty Nant car park, south of Dolgellau (OS Grid ref SH 698 153). The climb is about 2,300 feet but the path is reasonable, on grass and track, with some scree. Meet at 8:30am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Centre (OS grid ref SJ 225 075), from where transport may be available, or alternatively walk to the start of the walk, ready for a 10am start.

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"Our markets are also environmentally friendly, using less packaging and with a reduced carbon footprint, as many of the products are sourced locally."

"We appreciate your continued support helping us to continue to offer a wide and diverse number of quality products."

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Global superstar Rihanna is leading the way in the mono make-up trend which is currently being seen on the red carpets

EVERYONE wants to look great for their wedding day and the choice of make-up style is often uppermost in the minds of many brides.

Think using the same colour on your eyes, cheeks and lips is a beauty no-no? The mono make-up trend will make you think twice – or should that be thrice?

Received make-up wisdom decrees that you should only focus on one feature at a time – a

By Katie Wright

smoky eye, a bold lip, etc – but there's a red carpet trend that eschews that notion.

As seen on Rihanna and model of the moment Gigi Hadid, the monochromatic look involves using one colour on the eyes, lips and cheeks, creating a beautifully 'pulled together' look.

But it's important to choose the best colour for you, of course.

Tying in with this fashion's current Nineties obsession, brown shades are best "if you have a medium to dark skin tone, and either blue or green/hazel eyes", according to Carla Wall, head make-up artist for Hourglass.

"But always go for warmer tones; think bronze, golden and deep copper shades, as anything cooler can wash out the skin."

"On the eyes, use a palette that has a combination of satin, shimmer and matte colours. If you want to make the eyes more feline, use a



Model of the moment Gigi Hadid sports the popular mono look

darker tone on the outer corners in a V shape, and a lighter colour in the tear duct."

A fair-skinned complexion, blonde with blue eyes, traditionally suits a pink look.

However, depending on the shade, you can make it right for any skin tone.

Orange shades, particularly soft coral, are really flattering on paler complexions.

"I would use these tones on someone who has a fair to medium skin tone.

"The warm, brighter tones complement deep

brown eyes beautifully," advises Wall. "Keep eyes minimal, and focus on cheeks and lips."

"Use a sheer wash of colour on the eyes that you can double up as a blush."

Foil-like gold lips were seen on the Prada spring catwalk.

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Music fans in for treat at village festival

FINAL plans are being drawn up for the Whittington International Chamber Music Festival.

The festival, entitled Mozart in the Marches, will run from Tuesday next week and will see six concerts staged and 16 world class musicians perform.

Organiser Lawrence Mortimer said excitement was building ahead of the festival and the musicians will be arriving tomorrow (Friday).

He said: "Our artists arrive this Friday for some intensive rehearsal, then the stage goes up on Sunday night, the Steinway's delivered, and there you all are on Tuesday, queuing at the door, hopefully with your tickets already in your hands, for a week's worth of Wolfgang."

"We can't believe how fortunate we are in attracting the artists we've got this year - some of the very best from no less than eight countries."

"They include principals from the London Symphony Orchestra, regulars too of the supremely popular John Wilson Orchestra, soloists whose credentials are easy to confirm on YouTube, and all of them with a shared passion to bring world-class performance to a welcoming community."

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Plea to help trace couple

POLICE are looking to trace a couple who took money from a cash point after the woman who withdrew it didn't take it with her.

The victim, a woman in her 30s, withdrew cash from the cash machine outside One Stop Shop on Cabin Lane in Oswestry, however she did not take the money with her when she left.

A man and woman were stood outside the fish and chip shop next to One Stop, then the man approached the cash machine and removed the money which the woman had left. The man is described as white and is thought to be about 40 years old.

At the time of the theft he was wearing dark thick rimmed reading glasses, a dark woolly hat, a grey coloured fleece and dark coloured trousers. He was also carrying a red and grey coloured rucksack. He was accompanied by a woman, thought to be in her early 20s. She had long blonde hair and was wearing dark leggings, a light blue or grey coat with a long light coloured scarf.

The pair also had a dog with them, described as a Staffordshire bull terrier cross.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or recognises the descriptions should call police on 101 quoting incident number 3425 of April 18.

Villagers ready for celebration

RESIDENTS of three villages near Oswestry can celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and life in the community on Saturday with 'The Big Celebration'.

The event, at St Martins School, has been organised by Three Parishes Big Local to celebrate what goes on in the communities of Gobowen, Weston Rhyn and St Martins.

It will run from 1pm to 4pm.

Three Parishes Big Local chairman Nick Heard said: "We hope local people will come along to this free event to watch celebration performances by MD Warriors, Border Counties School of Dance, Gobowen School Choir, Activate Performing Arts, Love 2 Dance, Phenyzne and Starmakers Theatre Company."

"They can meet and find out about all kinds of local clubs and organisations, and enjoy free tea and cake."

Entries are flooding in for the competition to design a 90th birthday card for the Queen which will be displayed and judged at the event.

Award-winning energy venture branching out



Husband and wife team Paula and Gerry Jewson who own Tesni Homes

THE husband and wife team behind an award-winning renewable energy venture have branched out to build environmental-friendly homes in Oswestry.

Tesni Homes is about to unveil their first luxury houses designed to help power, light, and even "breathe" for themselves, in a six-home development on the site of Oswestry's former ambulance station.

Innovative eco-technology including solar panels, "sun-pipes" to let in more natural

light, and ventilation systems that let fresh air in while not letting heat out, have all been installed in a bid to cut energy bills for residents.

Each new Tesni home comes with a top level EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) 'A' rating. The houses all named after British trees are set to be unveiled to the public with an open day at the development's show home, which features Nordic-style cedar wood cladding, on May 28. Even the sleek show home's gardens are being specially landscaped to at-

tract birds and bees, with nesting boxes and planting planned around the nesting season.

It is a dream come true for Tesni's owners Paula and Gerry Jewson who sowed their sustainable homes seed when they built their first house for themselves to live in, at Ironbridge, more than 20 years ago.

The couple have a wealth of experience in the renewable energy industry, with their previous company West Coast Energy. The couple won Best Sustainable Development for Flint-

shire and Best Sustainable Development for Wales in the Local Authority Building Control Awards in 2010, for the design of their previous headquarters 'Mynydd Awel' in Mold, North Wales. Both the HQ and the couple's own first home finished in 1992, featured many elements incorporated into the Oswestry development, including sun pipes to magnify natural light, and eco ventilation. The open day will take place on May 28 at Glentworth Place, Morda Road, Oswestry.



Some of the eco-features on the properties include solar panels and sun pipes

Cricket clothing auctioned off to boost charity funds



Guests arrive at Goldstone Hall near Market Drayton for the fundraiser



Matthew Dewhurst's parents Sue and Chris Dewhurst with a 21st birthday cake.



Matthew Dewhurst died aged just 17



Ian Payne with Sue and Chris Dewhurst and the cricket clothing

Report by Naomi Penrose

ITEMS of England cricket clothing were auctioned off at a charity ball to raise money for an organisation which works to prevent young sudden cardiac deaths.

Oswestry PR firm, The Jools Payne Partnership, donated the items of England cricket team replica clothing - which includes the kit that bears England batsman James Taylor's unique test player number - to raise funds for local charity CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young).

The charity is supported locally by parents of Ellesmere schoolboy, Matthew Dewhurst, who died after collapsing during a fitness session in 2012, aged 17. Matthew from St Martins near Oswestry died from Young Sudden Cardiac Death. The clothing was auctioned at a CRY charity ball at the weekend. Last month former Shrewsbury and England cricketer James Taylor was forced to retire from his successful cricketing career at the age of 26 after being diagnosed with serious heart condition Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy. Former Surrey and Gloucestershire cricketer Ian Payne from The Jools Payne Partnership presented the kit to Matthew's parents Sue and Chris Dewhurst. Mr Payne said: "We have strong links with the England cricket administration and they are incredibly supportive in giving us official ECB merchandise. We in turn, donate items to our favourite local charities. Part of the clothing provided this time is replica kit bearing England batsman James Taylor's unique test player number."

Information about CRY can be found at www.c-ry.org.uk

PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Charming detached period house has cottage gardens

A charming detached period house with cottage gardens in the centre of West Felton village, yet conveniently positioned for Oswestry, Court Cottage in Threadneedle Street is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £345,000 with no chain.

Set off a quiet lane and screened from the road by a range of traditional outbuildings, the property is deceptive at first. Its accommodation briefly comprises, a porch, study, a lobby, two generous reception rooms (a lounge and sitting room) with high ceilings, a kitchen/dining room with a beautiful outlook over the garden and a sunny aspect, a utility room, three good bedrooms and a shower room.

A spokesman for the selling agent said: "Whilst perfectly habitable we anticipate buyers may wish to undertake some modernisation in due course." In more detail the study overlooks the gardens, while the lounge is an irregular shaped room with windows to the front and rear, an open fireplace with a decorative surround and exposed ceiling beams and a built-in alcove cupboard. The lobby links the lounge and sitting room with a staircase off to the first floor, and has a bow window overlooking the garden. The sitting room again has windows to the front and rear and a brick lined fireplace with an inset cast iron wood stove and exposed ceiling beams.

The bright kitchen/dining room has a sunny aspect for most of the day, a Rayburn oil fired range cooker and built-in pantry cupboard and tiled flooring, and ample space for a dining table and a patio door to the garden. The utility room has a built-in double cupboard and a stable door to the outside and a WC off. Upstairs bedroom one has a built-in cupboard, bedroom two has a built-in wardrobe and bedroom three has a built-in wardrobe and adjacent vanity unit incorporating a hand basin. The shower room includes a heated towel rail.

Outside the outbuildings including a traditional double bay brick outbuilding suitable for garaging and/or storage with light and power. And there is also a gravelled parking area.

The beautiful and well screened cottage style gardens extend to the side and rear of the cottage with brick paved pathways and well stocked borders. The rear has an especially sunny and sheltered aspect.

KEY FEATURES

Detached period cottage

Three bedrooms

Large traditional outbuilding

Kitchen/dining room & utility

Beautiful cottage gardens



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The property comprises an entrance hallway, a kitchen/breakfast room a good sized living room and a separate dining room with French doors out to a patio. The kitchen is fitted with a Burford cream kitchen base and wall units with complementary tiling and work surfaces. There is a square bay window to the front. The property also has an utility, four bedrooms, master en suite, and a family bathroom.

Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631 or visit www.townandcountryoswestry.com



Views from attractive cottage are outstanding

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An attractive three-bedroomed detached country cottage in 1.7 acres within the picturesque hamlet of Rhiwlas seven miles from Oswestry, Tyn Y Celyn has outstanding views over unspoilt countryside.

With a privately owned driveway, it is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson with offers in the region of £360,000.

Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, cloakroom, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Outside there is a range of outbuildings including a double garage/workshop, a barn and wash room. The property stands in mature gardens with an adjoining paddock ideal for agriculture, equine or recreational uses.

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Sales advice on offer as the market hots up

Property expert Phil Spencer has some tips for home buyers as the spring property market heats up

The spring housing market is heating up and activity has been buzzing. And while a recent stamp duty increase for buy-to-let investors may have dampened some interest in the market, house sellers remain bullish.

The average price tag on a property coming to market now stands at an all-time high of over £307,000 across England and Wales, according to website Rightmove.

The new rates of stamp duty apply to purchases of additional properties in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

A separate report, from HSBC, shows that the average home buyer takes just 26 hours to decide to make an offer on a house purchase - perhaps fearing that with the supply of homes still tight, the home they have their eye on may be snapped up by someone else.

This 26-hour period is around the same amount of time we spend deciding on whether or not to buy a new pair of shoes - at 25 hours - according to HSBC's survey.

So with competition in the housing market still strong in many parts of the UK, how can would-be buyers give themselves an "edge"?

TV property expert Phil Spencer, a spokesman for the HSBC report, gives his tips...

Is it still possible to pick up a bargain in the current housing market - and if so, how can someone go about it?

"Yes it is still possible, but you need to put dedication into your research, contracts and really build knowledge about the housing market you're interested in."

Before someone makes an offer on a property, is there a financial check-list of things they should have got in place first?

"For your mortgage, you'll be asked for pay slips, bank statements and tax returns at least, so you might as well have them ready to go and don't leave them to the last minute."

How many visits to a property should you ideally make before putting an offer in?

"The new research from HSBC shows one in 10 people make up their minds in two minutes of visiting a property. Sometimes you need to follow your gut instinct, but it's also important to know what to look for when you're viewing and try to visit at least twice, at different times of the day."

Is there anything that buyers can do to give themselves an "edge" over other buyers when making an offer?

"Time can make all the difference when it comes to making an offer on a property. Buyers should be efficient and make sure they have everything in place for their mortgage application."

"Secondly, it's not always about being the highest bidder - your ability to get your finances in a row and solicitors organised helps to show you are a committed purchaser."

"Buying a house is a business transaction and you are going to need to tackle it in this way."

Mortgage upper age limit spirals further into the 80s

The Halifax bank is increasing its upper age limit for mortgages from 75 to 80 and Nationwide have gone even further, raising its upper limit to 85.

The mortgage lender, part of Lloyds Banking Group - the largest retail bank in the UK - announced the move in response to changing demographics.

It means that for new mortgage applications the term will be allowed to run until the borrower's 80th birthday.

Stephen Noakes, managing director for retail customer products at Halifax, said: "As demographics and working habits continue to change, we continually review our products and policies to ensure they reflect the evolving needs of our customers, including those who wish to continue working longer."

Change

An ageing population is one of the biggest features of Britain's recent demographic change.

In the next five years, the number of consumers aged over 65 in the UK is expected to increase by 1.1 million, according to the Financial Conduct Authority.

A survey by Halifax released last week also suggested that one in three 20 to 45-year-olds expect to be working beyond their retirement age to pay off their mortgage.

Among those who are not yet on the property ladder, 39% believe they will be working later in life to pay for their property and one in 12 expect to be paying their mortgage throughout



their life. In addition, major cities are also being heralded as "unaffordable blackspots" for first-time buyers, research from Post Office Money Mortgages found, meaning it may be impossible for some younger buyers to get onto the property ladder without longer terms.

Halifax's announcement comes in the week that Barclays also announced it would offer 100% mortgages to first-time buyers.

The longer age limits massively improve the affordability of loans for older

borrowers. For example, a £100,000 mortgage at age 65, which has to be repaid by the age of 75, costs £966 a month at a 3% interest rate. But if the borrower can extend it to the age of 85, the cost comes down to just £555 a month.

Top Tip

Garden expert Jane Templar has some help for people thinking of selling their home.

She said: "Think about creating a walkway, either through or around your garden."

"This provides a route for potential buyers when they are looking around and means they don't get muddy as they go. Stone makes for a good path in almost any home, although if your house has a cottage-like feel, consider a gravel path, as this is more in keeping with the style of the property."



A nice garden could clinch your sale

Looking to sell your home? Your garden could be the deal-clincher if you perk it up for viewers. Eden Project horticulturist Lucy Wenger offers tips on how to improve your garden on a budget

Spring is a good time to sell your home. The weather is improving, people aren't yet going away on their summer holidays and the garden is bursting into life.

Making sure you mow the lawn and keep your flower beds tidy could be your most profitable pastime, according to new research.

Survey

Some 72% of 2,000 home owners who took part in a survey conducted by National Gardening Gift Vouchers believe that a presentable garden adds value to a home.

First impressions are important and if your front garden needs a quick makeover, consider buying a couple of standard trees or shrubs to put either side of the front door for a grander entrance.

Tatty steps can be masked with pots of evergreens which will last even when spring and summer are over, just in case you don't sell the house immediately.

Hide eyesores such as dustbins by putting up a framework of trellis in front

of them and plant fast-growing climbers over it, even if you have to plant the climbers in pots.

Certain design strategies can help make the garden seem bigger. If you have a narrow or L-shaped garden, consider dividing into two areas and introduce archways or pergolas which will make it seem bigger.

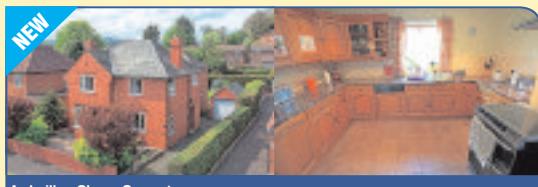
Add curves to a bed to make it more interesting, while strategically-placed outdoor mirrors can also make an area feel greater.

They say the smell of bread baking or freshly brewed coffee helps sell a house, but a gorgeously fragrant front garden may also help, if you plant low lavender hedges along the driveway or other scented plants near your front door.



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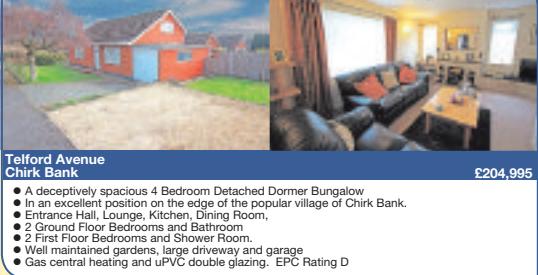
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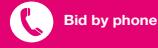
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Strange little snake was up to some jungle ant-ics

THE forest hummed in the darkness, reverberating with the calls of tree frogs and a billion insects. Overhead, the night sky was punctuated by a host of cosmic diamonds glinting and winking at anyone who was lucky enough to find themselves in a jungle clearing.

Or else the only vestige of light came in the monochromatic inky blue of a lunar body all but extinguished by the canopy of leaves above. There was something vibrant and alive in this place, full of energy, never stopping, never sleeping in the freedom of a virgin land untouched and undisturbed by human hand.

Yet the humidity, the very essence of the rainforest in which I now found myself was heavy and oppressive.

However, despite this and simultaneously because of it, I was not interested in sleep.

All my life I had wanted to explore the Central American rainforest, and at last here I was; sleep could wait a little longer.

My camp established, I spent a couple of hours looking for wildlife by the light of my dimming head torch.

A tapir moved ahead of me in the bushes, its snuffling explorations clearly keeping it well occupied.

The eye shine of endangered Morelet's crocodiles gleamed back at me from the river and once I heard a jaguar call nearby.

If it were I who had invented the myth of the Garden of Eden I mused, I would have set my story here, not the desiccated Middle East.

I returned happily to camp after my so-

ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams



journ and before entering my tent, made a mental note to step over the little line of leaf cutter ants a metre or so away which I had observed that afternoon.

As I did so, however, I could see no ants and yet there was something small moving along that exact same little, twisting track. I squatted beside it.

Scales

It was a beautifully banded snake, its scales glistening in the moonlight.

It was not the feared and deadly coral snake but another species.

I picked it up to examine it carefully and noticed how greasy it felt.

It is one of my pet hates when people call reptiles slimy.

There is no such thing as a slimy reptile; the whole point of their biology is their dryness. Yet there was a certain oiliness to this one.

I could not tell what species that little snake was, yet recently I was researching central American reptiles and found a paper on *Sympholis lippiensis*, the Mexican short-tailed snake.

Bingo.

Alone

Its Latin name alone was almost substantiation enough.

However it is a very poorly known or understood snake.

Scientists are fairly certain (though they lack a large body of evidence) that it has a



Mexican short-tailed snake (*Sympholis lippiensis*) is very poorly known or understood

very significant predator-prey relationship with another classic jungle animal and that that relationship has affected the morphological evolution of the snake.

The animal in question?

The leaf-cutter ant.

I could see the tail of the snake was short – in fact I had trouble discerning the blunt head from the tail and the eyes were minute.

All these attributes made ant-raiding a possibility.

The skin is tough, suggesting it is more or less immune to the bites from the leaf-cutters and the body is comparatively thick, befitting its fossorial (burrowing) nature.

But how about that name – lippiens?

This of course is akin to 'lipids' and refers to the 'oily' skin.

The paper I read made reference to the main evidence scientists have, that of a few dead examples: 'It appears to have...lipid reserves that produce unusual blobs in jars of preserved specimens.' This obviously makes perfect sense as another strategy to avoid the biting attentions of a colony of enraged ants. Finally the paper noted: 'It would be interesting to see if *Sympholis* can follow ant pheromone trails...{like other species can}'.

Happily I concluded that the little snake I found whilst everyone else was fast asleep, was presumably doing just that.

Ben will be in Shrewsbury's Square this Saturday exhibiting his artwork.

Village tidy up uncovers historic tramway features

A VILLAGE tidy up took a step into the past as it uncovered historic tramway features on the Shropshire border.

A dozen volunteers from a community action group Caru'n Pentrefi – Love our Villages took part in a village tidy in the hamlet of Dolywern in the Ceiriog Valley over the recent bank holiday weekend.

The tidy team were joined by 10 members of the Glyn Valley Tramway and Industrial Heritage Trust (GVT and IHT), some of whom had travelled more than 70 miles to take part in clearing overgrowth obscuring the old GVT station office at the historic former halt at Dolywern.

The station building and tramway yard is now on land owned by the Leonard Cheshire Disability charity at its Dolywern home, where staff and residents offered the hard-working tidy teams some well-earned refreshments during the clear up.

Thanks to funding from Keep Wales Tidy and a recent donation from the Castle Mill and Pontfadog WI, the volunteers were well equipped with hedge cutters, leaf blowers, secateurs, brooms and litter pickers.

Helen Crossley, Caru'n Pentrefi chairman, said the clear up was a "great success".

"We had more volunteers than ever before, ranging from just three years to 75 years of age," she said.

"The day was a great success with a huge amount of bramble clearing, litter picking and general strimming, sweeping and tidying accomplished.

"Predictably, McDonald's takeaway packaging once again dominated the litter pick."

"I'd particularly like to thank the GVT and IHT enthusiasts who worked really hard all morning alongside our regular volunteers to cut back the significant overgrowth obscuring parts of the old Glyn Valley Tramway ticket office."

"They were well rewarded, delighting in the discovery of some of the original posts and railings at this important heritage site."

She added: "We are hoping to work with them in the future to help restore this landmark building if funding can be secured."

The next Caru'n Pentrefi Love Our Villages village tidy will be held on Saturday, June 18, between 10am and 12 noon.

On that occasion, key areas around Castle Mill and Pontfadog will be tidied in time for the tourist season.

For more information and to keep up to date with upcoming action days, visit www.loveourvillages.com or the Caru'n Pentrefi Facebook page.



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Cinema listings

BAD NEIGHBOURS 2 (15)



Very unneighbourly – 5/10
Terrible neighbours become good friends in Nicholas Stoller's sequel to his 2014 comedy. The gender tables are turned when Mac (Seth Rogen) and Kelly Radner (Rose Byrne) must unite with old adversary Teddy Sanders (Zac Efron) to outwit a sorority led by wild child Shelby (Chloe Grace Moretz) and best friend Madison (Selena Gomez) or lose a buyer for their house.

I SAW THE LIGHT (15)



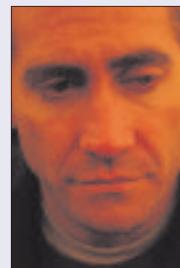
Sounds rubbish – 4/10
Marc Abraham's musical biopic charts the rise of the country music legend Hank Williams until his premature death at 29. Hank (Tom Hiddleston) seems destined for greatness. His publisher and manager Fred Rose (Bradley Whitford) and his mother Lillie (Cherry Jones) cannot curb his excesses and Hank careers towards the brink of self-destruction.

KNIGHT OF CUPS (15)



Half full – 6/10
Writer-director Terrence Malick explores the hollowness and solitude of modern life. Rick (Christian Bale) is haunted by the death of one of his brothers. Rick ricochets between six different women including his ex-wife Nancy (Cate Blanchett) and emotionally scarred old flame Elizabeth (Natalie Portman). Can Rick shake himself out of a rut?

DEMOLITION (15)



Grieving strangely – 6/10
Demolition, from Wild and Dallas Buyers Club director Jean-Marc Vallée, is a departure from the Hollywood tropes of grief for anti-hero Davis (Jake Gyllenhaal). Widowed after a car accident killed his wife Julie (Heather Lind), the young banker is left with a numbness he can't shake. Only Karen (Naomi Watts) and her troubled son Chris (Judah Lewis) can get in.

Review by Damon Smith

PUBLISHED in 1719, Daniel Defoe's chronicle of a shipwreck survivor who lives alone on an island for 28 years is a beautifully crafted study of solitude, resourcefulness and British imperialism.

The gnawed bones of the book are still visible in Vincent Kesteloot and Ben Stassen's computer-animated retelling, but this Robinson Crusoe is a resolutely child-friendly edition, told from the perspective of birds and animals which befriend the title character during his tropical isolation.

Cuteness and gentle humour trump sophisticated storytelling and harsh realism throughout. The feathered and furred critters speak to each other and trade one-liners – although Robinson can't understand their grunts, growls, purrs and squawks.

Robinson (voiced by Yuri Lowenthal) heads to sea with his dog Aynsley and falls foul of the ship's gnarly cats, May (Debi Tinsley) and Mal (Jeff Doucette).

A violent storm shipwrecks Robinson on an island, which is home to a macaw called Mak (David Howard) and his friends: a chameleon called Carmello (Colin Metzger), feisty kingfisher Kiki (Lindsay Torrance), Epi the echidna (Sandy Fox), a pangolin called Pango (Doucette again), tapir Rosie (Laila Berzins) and doddering old goat Scrubby (Joey Camen).

Mak has always been a dreamer and believes the glittering treasures which sometimes wash up on the sun-kissed idyll indicate a brighter future over the horizon. The other denizens of the island reject the bird's fantasies, but Robinson's unexpected arrival adds fuel to Mak's suspicions.



Robinson (Yuri Lowenthal) befriends an amusing selection of critters in the computer-animated film

The animals are initially wary of the human interloper, but eventually live in harmony with the gangly shipwreck survivor in a makeshift tree house. Unfortunately, Machiavellian moggies May and Mal also avoid a watery grave and they plot revenge from nearby Curse Island, flanked by their army of hungry kittens.

Robinson Crusoe is a simplistic and sporadically entertaining journey of self-discovery.

The colourful animation pops, but vocal performances are flat and some of the gags misfire, although early scenes are a rich source of humour as the island's denizens study a human for the first time. "He's stripped off his skin!" shrieks Kiki as Robinson removes a jacket.

Co-directors Kesteloot and Stassen choreograph energetic action sequences to take advantage of the 3D format.

This eye-popping extra dimension is used smartly in one breathless chase along a network of irrigation pipes that carries precious water to the tree house and other parts of the island.

The camera careens along the precariously constructed flumes, occasionally swooping along vertiginous rock faces that support the pipes. And it's a long way down!

Book reviews

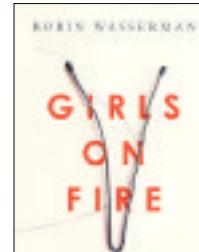
GIRLS ON FIRE

By Robin Wasserman
Published by Little, Brown

If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise. But what happens in Robin Wasserman's Girls On Fire is no teddy bears' picnic.

It all begins with the discovery of high school student Craig Ellison's body on Halloween. His death is attributed to suicide, but in the insular conservative world of Battle Creek, it doesn't take much to instil in people the fear there is a darker force at play.

For student Hannah Dexter, life has always been pretty run of the



mill. But when she befriends teen rebel Lacey Champlain, Hannah is introduced to a whole new world. Nothing, it seems, can come between Hannah and Lacey.

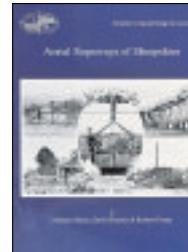
By Jade Craddock

AERIAL ROPEWAYS OF SHROPSHIRE

By Michael Shaw, David Poyner, and Robert Evans
Published by Shropshire Caving and Mining Club

'What aerial ropeways?' you may well ask, because there is nothing to be seen of them today. But at one time these industrial transport systems strode across parts of the south Shropshire countryside.

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Alveley Colliery where one ran till the 1960s.

This book is the product of much fieldwork and research and includes many historic pictures, as well as diagrams.

By Toby Neal

99 PAGES OF THE BEST

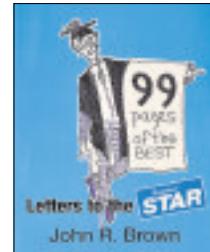
By John R Brown
Published by YouCaxton

John Brown of Shrewsbury is a prolific writer of letters to Star Mail in the Shropshire Star, so his name will be familiar to many, whether or not they agree with his views.

As the title says, this is just under 100 pages of a selection of his letters, and also a few cartoons he has done himself.

Those who have followed his letters will know Mr Brown's style. Generally, the letters are to the point, covering both national and local issues.

Of course, publishing them in book form has



the inherent disadvantage that you see the letters out of time and out of context, which would not matter so much if they were not on topical themes – but they mostly are.

By John Mountford

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a delight to explore where cobbled streets are lined with interesting shops and the museum gives a fascinating insight into the local history.

Nestled in the heart of Mounts Bay lies the historic market town of Penzance. There's a selection of shops, galleries, smugglers taverns and fine restaurants and the seafront promenade is perfect for a stroll.

The small fishing town of Padstow retains most of its old-world charm

and tradition and is a super place to explore. It is, of course, famous for its restaurants including Rick Stein's cafe and takeaway fish and chips.

Located at the entrance to the third largest harbour in the world, Falmouth has many attractions to offer. As well as streets full of shops, galleries, restaurants and pubs, boats of every size can be seen on the waterfront. There is also a super museum which gives an insight into maritime heritage and heroes.



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Yolanda filming for *The Real Target*. Photo: Eileen Stoney Tingz.



Yolanda Lynes from Oswestry. Photo: Nesta Lloyd.



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Shropshire photographer Nesta Lloyd captured an off screen Yolanda Lynes

Yolanda is the action hero in new movie

A YOUNG woman from Oswestry has combined her love of martial arts and dance to take the role of a female action hero in a film to be shown at the Cannes Film Festival this year.

Talented actress Yolanda Lynes stars in *The Real Target*, a martial arts action comedy film.

As well as being a classically trained ballerina, Yolanda, 25, says she packs a mean punch thanks to a lifelong interest in martial arts and her now daily training schedule which includes wing chun and tae kwon do as well as fight scene choreography.

The Real Target follows the story of a kung fu couple from London.

Mission

They are on a mission to take down corrupt government officials and criminal masterminds.

Yolanda stars with David Cheung who she met training in martial arts together and working on film projects.

They are now known as the kung fu couple as they are now partners off-screen as well as on-screen.

"I am honoured to take on the role of a female action actress in this film and show that women can be strong action heroes too."

"It always sees guys getting the tough roles, so it's awesome to have the opportunity to fight for all my kung fu sisters," she said.

She says her fitness is improved by her healthy vegetarian lifestyle.

She gets most of her protein from spinach, broccoli and heaps of peanut butter.

A former pupil at Trefonen and the Marches School and Shrewsbury Sixth Form College, Yolanda moved to London in 2012.

She said: "I took ballet classes from the age of three at two ballet schools with Michelle Rose and Sue Whitworth.

"Since training professionally, I am currently undergoing the CBTS Programme with the Royal Academy of Dance here in London too and am scheduled to perform

SPECIAL REPORT

By Sue Austin

for the Queen on June 12. Since moving to London I have trained regularly at Pineapple Dance Studios, getting involved in film projects, getting onto the books of an acting agency and then things kind of spiralled from there.

"I have done work in film, television, commercials, print and online.

"I trained in martial arts from a young age as my step-dad was a martial artist.

"I also learned wing chun with Malcolm Fazackerley in Shropshire and have been training with wing chun grand master Austin Goh here in London.

"I never thought about mixing dance and martial arts together into fight scene choreography until more recently.

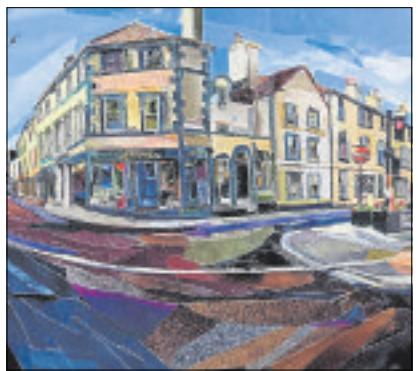
"But fusing the two has been really great fun." She added: "In January, co-star David Cheung and I spent time in Los Angeles training at the Extreme Martial Arts World Headquarters in North Hollywood with Blue Power Ranger Mike Chat, improving our skills in fight scene choreography and screen combat."

David has a long standing history in film and has acted with the likes of Johnny Depp, Taylor Lautner, Keanu Reeves and Rowan Atkinson.

Meanwhile, Oswestry film fans might also be interested in three major productions from Shakespeare's Globe which are coming to cinema fans.

In the 400th anniversary year of Shakespeare's death, three performances from the world's most famous stage will put cinema-goers right at the heart of the action at Kinokulture Oswestry. The black comedy of sexual politics and identity Measure For Measure will be screened on Wednesday next week and on May 21. Multi Tony and Olivier Award-winner Jonathan Pryce in *The Merchant of Venice* will be shown at Kinokulture on June 22 and 25. Richard II will be screened at Kinokulture on July 13 and also on July 16.

New art display spells out all that is good about town



A NEW art project is being showcased at Oswestry's Marches School.

The A-Z of Oswestry art project, aided originally by community group OS21 and in association with The Town House, went up for private viewing of the original artworks on Tuesday this week and will be on display until the end of term in July.

The idea for the exhibition, 'A-Z of Oswestry', came from the charity Common Ground who wrote, "Local distinctiveness is about what small places mean to us, their details, patina and identity. It involves everywhere and everyday places which are as vulnerable and beautiful as the rare, perhaps more so because politicians and professionals have no time to care. By focussing attention on significance in our surroundings and helping build courage to be demonstrative and take action on attachment to place, then

perhaps we can make our surroundings better for nature as well as daily life."

Creative co-directors, Bob Knowles and Jood Gough have co-opted 26 different local artists to illustrate all the letters of the alphabet with images of the subjects that local people have chosen.

Over 1,400 votes for what residents and users of the town feel are special about Oswestry were collected in ballot boxes made locally by Tim Rutherford.

The votes were then analysed according to letters and broad categories offered to local artists as subjects.

Mr Knowles said: "We have ended up with a hatful of Oswestrian images.

"By asking local artists to illustrate the most popular suggestions, we have produced something that is not only unique, but very personal to our town.

We wanted to do something positive that celebrates Oswestry and some of the many things that are special about it."

The original artworks have also been printed on postcards and shopping bags and key artefacts of all illustrated letters such as posters, banners and books will be made to capture the essence of Oswestry in our time.

The exhibition is supported by Oswestry and District Civic Society, Footfall and Oswestry Library.

For more information and to view artwork people should visit www.oswestrycivicsociety.org.uk.

Anyone who would like to see the artwork during the school day, should make arrangements with Anita Wyatt at The Marches School by calling (01691) 664400.

● Photo – 'Q is for Queens Building' artwork produced by Anita Wyatt

**Can't Touch This**

5.30pm

Zoe Ball and Ashley Banjo present the game show in which 16 contestants are challenged to battle their way through a giant obstacle course filled with prizes that are just out of reach. If the competitors are able to lay hands on any of the goodies within, they can take them home, including a grand prize.

**Gardeners' World**

6pm

As the growing season gathers pace, Monty Don sows vegetables and plants out the scented plants he brought back from the Malvern Spring Festival. Carol Klein delves into the hedgerows and rooting at the bases of walls as she begins her journey to investigate why plants thrive in challenging conditions.

**Play to the Whistle**

9.15pm

Heavyweight boxer David Haye takes part in the sports-based panel show, ahead of the next fight in his world title campaign next weekend. Also appearing this week are Dragons' Den star Peter Jones, and comedienne Sara Pascoe, as Holly Willoughby challenges them to compete in head-to-head quizzes.

**Great Canal Journeys**

8pm

Timothy West and Prunella Scales conclude the series by travelling down the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal, accompanied by Tim's daughter and her family. The couple revisit places that hold fond memories from the early stages of their relationship, as well as looking back on the beginnings of their acting careers.

**NCIS**

9pm

American social worker Sarah Goode is taken hostage by militants in northern Syria, and thanks to the efforts of the Navy SEALs, is eventually returned home unharmed. relationship with Zoe Keates public – surprising none of his colleagues. Starring Mark Harmon, Michael Weatherly and Pauley Perrette.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. Glynn Purnell is joined in the kitchen by Michael O'Hare and Amandine Chaignot, while wine expert Peter Richards selects the perfect drinks to accompany the studio dishes.
- 11.30 Mary Berry Cooks.** The food writer gives step-by-step instructions for recipes to impress guests at dinner parties, including canapés, a salmon and asparagus starter and a main course of guinea fowl. (R)
- 12.00 BBC News; Weather.**
- 12.10 Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the final weekend of the Premier League season, with matches including Chelsea v Leicester City and Newcastle United v Tottenham Hotspur.
- 12.50 Saturday Sportsday.** Sports round-up.
- 1.00 The Brownlees: An Olympic Story.** A profile of Jonny and Alastair Brownlee.
- 1.30 Live Women's FA Cup Final.** Arsenal v Chelsea (Kick-off 2.00pm). Coverage of the showpiece match, which takes place at Wembley Stadium, as the two most recent winners of the trophy go head to head.
- 4.20 Flog It!** Mark Stacey and Adam Partridge search for antiques in Bangor, North Wales, and Paul Martin hears Lord Anglesey's memories of Rex Whistler painting the famous mural at Plas Newydd. (R)
- 5.10 BBC News.**
- 5.20 Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 5.30 Can't Touch This.** Zoe Ball and Ashley Banjo present the game show in which 16 contestants are challenged to battle their way through a giant obstacle course filled with prizes that must touch to claim.
- 6.20 Pointless Celebrities.** New series. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman mark the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest's grand final this evening by challenging past entrants to take part in the unorthodox quiz.
- 7.10 The National Lottery: In It to Win It.** New series. Five contestants answer questions to scoop a cash prize. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws, with Vincent Simons and Flavia Cacace pushing the button.
- 8.00 Eurovision Song Contest 2016.** Graham Norton commentates on the musical extravaganza from the Globe Arena in Stockholm, Sweden, where Joe and Jake are flying the flag for the UK with You're Not Alone. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
- 11.30 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.**
- 11.50 Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle.** Including a clip from The Ice Cream Man Cometh episode of That Peter Kay Thing. Plus, and Brian Potter and Andy Pipkin sing I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles) accompanied by an all-star cast. (R)
- 12.20 FILM: Buster (1988).** Fact-based crime drama about Great Train Robber Buster Edwards, following his involvement in the notorious crime and his escape to Mexico. Starring Phil Collins.
- 1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead.**
2.00 BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.40 FILM: The Westerner (1940).** Western, starring Gary Cooper.
- 8.15 FILM: A Walk in the Sun (1945).** Second World War adventure, with Dana Andrews.
- 10.10 Homes Under the Hammer.** Properties in Kent, north-west London and Stoke-on-Trent. (R)
- 11.10 Natural World.** The endangered Bengal tiger. (R)
- 12.00 The Hairy Bikers: Everyday Gourmets.** Si King and Dave Myers demonstrate how to create a dinner for two on a budget. (R)
- 1.00 Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food.** The chef demonstrates recipes inspired by classic British pub fare. (R)
- 1.30 Bargain Hunt.** From the Newark antique and collectors fair. (R)
- 2.05 Escape to the Continent.** A Buckinghamshire family hunt for a new home on the island of Malta. (R)
- 3.05 Money for Nothing.** Transforming items destined for the trash in Walsall. (R)
- 3.50 The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain.** Cornish pubs at the centre of the smuggling industry. (R)
- 4.20 Bake Off: Crème de la Crème.** Three teams return for the second semi-final. (R)
- 5.20 This Week's World.** New series. Current-affairs magazine show.
- 6.00 Gardeners' World.** As the growing season gathers pace, Monty Don sows vegetables and plants out scented plants. Carol Klein investigates why plants can thrive in challenging conditions. (R)
- 6.30 Attenborough's Passion Project: Lost Worlds, Vanished Lives.** The third programme from David Attenborough's back catalogue takes the form of extracts from a 1989 series in which he used fossils to detail the lives of extinct creatures.
- 7.30 Attenborough's Passion Project:** Darwin's Tree of Life. David Attenborough argues that Charles Darwin's theory of evolution is now more important than ever, revealing how the scientist developed his ideas. Last in the series.
- 8.30 Dad's Army.** Mainwaring seizes the chance to contribute to the war effort by guarding a captured German U-boat crew. Guest starring Philip Madoc. (R)
- 9.00 The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses – Henry VI Part II.** The Yorkists force Henry VI to relinquish his crown, but his imperious wife Queen Margaret refuses to accept defeat, dragging the country back into bloody civil war.
- 11.05 FILM: Margin Call (2011).** An executive dismissed from an investment bank leaks news of an impending crisis, which soon spreads throughout the company. Drama, starring Kevin Spacey and Paul Bettany.
- 12.45 FILM: The Silence (2010).** A detective tries to prove there is a link between a missing girl and a 23-year-old murder he failed to solve. Thriller, starring Ulrich Thomsen and Wotan Wilke Möhring.
- 2.35 This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show!** 6.25 Pat & Stan 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 7.00 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.05 Sooty 7.15 Super 4 7.30 Nerds & Monsters 7.45 The Tom & Jerry Show 8.00 Thunderbirds Are Go
- 8.25 ITV News.**
- 8.30 Weekend.** With Chris Packham and Highasaki.
- 9.25 Murder, She Wrote.** A lawyer is murdered. (R)
- 10.20 Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica is asked to finish the book started by a dead journalist who was trying to clear the name of a man unjustly convicted of murdering his wife 16 years previously. (R)
- 11.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside.
- 12.20 ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 12.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
- 1.30 BBQ Champ.** The remaining five contestants compete in the semi-final. (R)
- 2.30 FILM: Agent Cody Banks (2003).** A junior secret agent is tasked with spying on a scientist by befriending the man's daughter. Family adventure, starring Frankie Muniz and Hilary Duff.
- 4.30 The Wine Show.** Matthew Goode and Matthew Rhys visit Chianti country.
- 5.35 ITV News Central;** Weather.
- 5.45 ITV News and Weather.**
- 6.00 You've Been Framed! Bounces Back!** Harry Hill narrates more hilarious hijinks, applying his unique brand of satirical commentary to video submitted by viewers at home.
- 7.00 Bang on the Money.** Holiday camp entertainers The Hi-De-His from Somerset and The Wolf Pack from Wolverhampton aim to hit a specific target number "bang on" in physical and mental challenges.
- 8.00 Britain's Got Talent.** The auditions reach their sixth week, as Ant and Dec introduce another selection of would-be stars to judges Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, David Williams and Alesha Dixon.
- 9.15 Play to the Whistle.** Boxer David Haye, Dragons' Den star Peter Jones and comedienne Sara Pascoe join team captains Frank Lampard and Bradley Walsh for the sports-themed comedy panel show.
- 10.00 ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 10.15 FILM: The Dark Knight (2008).** Batman and his allies are pushed to their limits as criminal mastermind the Joker plunges Gotham into anarchy. Comic-book thriller sequel, with Christian Bale and Heath Ledger.
- 12.55 Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.00 Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica enters the seedy world of political corruption to investigate a baffling double murder. Bruce Davison (X-Men) and Charlene Tilton (Dallas) guest star. (R)
- 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

- 6.10 The King of Queens.** Doug and Ray play golf. (R)
- 6.35 The King of Queens.** Arthur buys a headstone. (R)
- 7.00 Mobil 1 The Grid.** Mikko Hirvonen takes on the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge.
- 7.30 British Rally Championship.** The Pirelli Rally.
- 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ally babysits the twins. (R)
- 8.25 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray worries about losing his children's respect. (R)
- 8.55 The Morning Line.** Racing preview with Nick Luck and Rishi Persad.
- 9.55 Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Practice 3 Live.** The fifth round of the season from Barcelona.
- 11.05 The Superhumans Show.** With judo stars Chris Skelley and Jack Hodgson, and comedian Russell Kane.
- 11.30 The Big Bang Theory.** Howard enrolls on a course taught by Sheldon. (R)
- 12.00 Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Qualifying Live.** Coverage of the battle for pole position (Start-time 1.00pm).
- 2.30 Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Newbury and Newmarket.
- 4.40 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun.** A retired couple in love with Bretagne culture seek a new home in Brittany.
- 5.40 Homes by the Med.** Charlie Luxton visits a Mallorcan home carved in cliffside rocks.
- 6.40 Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud follows the progress of Bram and Lisa Vis and their two children, who want to create an ambitious super home on a seaside plot on the Isle of Wight. (R)
- 8.00 Great Canal Journeys.** Timothy West and Prunella Scales travel down the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal, revisiting places from the early stages of their relationship and acting careers. Last in the series. (R)
- 9.00 FILM: X-Men: First Class (2011).** The first generation of the superhero team is brought together in the 1960s to avert a nuclear war. Superhero adventure prequel, starring James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender.
- 11.35 FILM: GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra (2009).** Two soldiers join a top-secret military strike force to battle terrorists who have stolen a deadly experimental weapon. Action adventure, with Channing Tatum and Sienna Miller.
- 1.50 Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. Sienna and Ben prepare marry, and Nico volunteers to be "best man". Meanwhile, Ste is worried when he gets a text from the hospital, and Harry asks for James's help. (R)
- 3.55 Supershoppers.** Andi Osho and Anna Richardson dive into the hidden world of brand licensing, and investigate the pricey beauty sprays that are just water. (R)
- 4.50 Posh Pawnbrokers.** Spin-off of Posh Pawn, providing insight into the world of high-end pawnbroking. The series begins as Pickwick's boss Nathan tries to secure deals on expensive footwear. (R)
- 5.45 Will & Grace.** Karen dispenses relationship advice. (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas 6.15 Angelina Ballerina 6.30 Bob the Builder 6.45 Tictoc Tic 6.55 Zack and Quack 7.05 Pets 7.10 Noddy in Toyland 7.25 Paw Patrol 7.40 Little Princess 7.50 Pip Ahoy! 8.05 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.45 Wanda and the Alien
- 8.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Part one of two. The turtles encounter a peace-loving Kraang.
- 9.30 The Saturday Show Live.** Topical show looking at the week's headlines.
- 11.40 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops.** Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong. (R)
- 12.10 Police Interceptors.** A speeding driver is clocked at over 140mph. (R)
- 1.10 Police Interceptors.** A high-speed pursuit through Lincoln city centre. (R)
- 2.10 Police Interceptors.** Dan Briggins tracks down a driver who has given him the slip in Spalding. (R)
- 3.10 Police Interceptors.** The dog unit embarks on a hunt for an armed man. (R)
- 4.10 Police Interceptors.** The helicopter crew is called out to rescue a woman trapped by rising water. (R)
- 5.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** A landlord has already called for police back-up. (R)
- 6.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Paul and Ben face a challenging eviction in London, where a vulnerable tenant in rent arrears has barricaded her front door, while Brian and Del chase a debt of nearly £2,000. (R)
- 7.10 NCIS: Greatest Ever Episodes.** The team is called to a high school on a marine base, where a pupil has taken his classmate's hostage and is threatening to detonate a bomb strapped to his chest. Mark Harmon stars. (R)
- 8.00 NCIS: Los Angeles.** A naval officer is killed during an LAPD shootout. Spin-off drama following the work of an elite NCIS division. Chris O'Donnell and LL Cool J star. (R)
- 9.00 NCIS.** The team uncovers a sinister web of radicalisation and brain-washing after the kidnapping of an American social worker in Syria is linked to a US citizen.
- 9.55 5 News Weekend.**
- 10.00 Live World Championship Boxing.** Lee Haskins v Ivan Morales. Coverage of the IBF World Bantamweight title bout from Ice Arena Wales in Cardiff, plus action from the undercard.
- 12.00 SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
- 3.10 The Tube: Going Underground.** A series of new passenger tunnels nears completion. Last in the series. (R)
- 4.00 Deep-Sea Super Predator.** Documentary following the search for a mysterious creature. (R)
- 4.45 Access.** (R)
- 4.55 Divine Designs.** Architecture after the Second World War. (R)
- 5.20 HouseBusters.** (R)
- 5.45 Angels of Jarm.** (R)
- 5.50 Angels of Jarm.** (R)


Pointless Celebrities
5.50pm

Alexander Armstrong hosts a theatre-themed edition of the quiz, featuring eight actors who often tread the boards. The pairs are Simon Callow and Imogen Stubbs, Lysette Anthony and Christopher Timothy, Gwen Taylor and Keith Barron, and Claire Sweeney and Simon Shepherd.


Stupid Man, Smart Phone
10.40pm

New series. Russell Kane and Arron Crascall go on adventures around the world, using only a smartphone to gain the vital information they need to survive. In the first episode, they cross the Sahara, where they face challenges including making a fire with camel dung and cooking a lizard while it is still alive.


The Chase: Celebrity Special
6.30pm

Bradley Walsh presents as four celebrity contestants – Emmerdale's Michael Parr (Ross Barton), England footballer Alex Scott, Hollyoaks actress Jennifer Metcalfe (Mercedes McQueen) and TV presenter Bill Turnbull – must pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser.


Indian Summers
9pm

While Alice and Charlie prepare to leave India for good, Ralph and Aafra make decisions about their careers. However, when violence erupts in the plains, several of the residents' lives are placed in danger. Final episode of the 1930s-set drama, starring Julie Walters, Henry Lloyd-Hughes and Jemima West.


Penguin A&E with Lorraine Kelly
7pm

The presenter meets employees at South Africa's busiest penguin emergency department. The hospital rescues more than 1,500 vulnerable penguins every year, and works 24/7 to rehabilitate them. In the first episode, vet Natasha is faced with a case involving a penguin with a fish hook in its stomach.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
- 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.**
- 10.00 Pentecost 2016.** The Dean of Liverpool leads a service from Liverpool Cathedral marking the formation of the Catholic Church, featuring a congregation of around 800 people.
- 11.00 Sunday Politics West Midlands.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
- 12.15 Bargain Hunt.** Tim Wonnacott is at Westpoint Exeter, where two teams battle to find three items to make a profit at auction with help from experts Philip Serrell and Caroline Hawley. (R)
- 1.00 BBC News: Weather.**
- 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer.** Lucy Alexander explores a one-bedroom flat in London about to be auctioned, while Martin looks at a terrace house in Abertillery, south Wales, plus a project in Walderslade in Kent. (R)
- 2.00 Escape to the Country.** A family looking for a property in West Sussex. (R)
- 2.45 Nature's Epic Journeys.** Documentary following a thousand elephants as they come together in a crucial gathering in Northern Kenya, while facing threats from both predators and poachers. (R)
- 3.45 Points of View.** Viewers' comments.
- 4.00 Final Score.** Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, as the season reaches a conclusion.
- 5.15 Songs of Praise.** The bloggers and tweeters spreading the Christian message.
- 5.50 Pointless Celebrities.** With famous faces from the world of theatre. (R)
- 6.35 BBC News.**
- 6.50 Midlands Today: Weather.**
- 7.00 Countryfile Spring Special.** The team reports on signs of spring around the country, with Ellie Harrison monitoring pods of dolphins in Cardigan Bay and John Craven visiting a hay meadow in Wiltshire. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.
- 8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents a second visit to Trentham Gardens near Stoke-on-Trent, where items featured include an early camera and a dagger with a gruesome history. Last in the series.
- 9.00 Undercover.** Maya's battle to clear Rudy's name is left in tatters after the death of a key witness, but she makes one final stand. Nick pursues a last chance of redemption. Last in the series.
- 10.00 BBC News.**
- 10.20 Midlands Today: Weather.**
- 10.30 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights from the final day of the Premier League season, including Chelsea v Leicester City and Newcastle United v Tottenham Hotspur.
- 12.10 FILM: Texas Rangers (2001).** A posse of gunslingers is hired to stop Texas from falling into lawless ruin in the aftermath of the American Civil War Western, starring James Van Der Beek and Dylan McDermott.
- 1.30 Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 1.35 BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.00 The Great Chelsea Garden Challenge.** The four remaining contestants have to create conceptual gardens. (R)
- 7.00 This Farming Life.** Two farmers prepare for lambing. (R)
- 8.00 Gardeners' World.** (R)
- 8.30 The Beechgrove Garden.**
- 9.00 Countryfile.** This year's Countryfile Farming Hero is announced. (R)
- 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Highlights of the series.
- 11.30 The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure.** (R)
- 12.00 The Hairy Bikers: Everyday Gourmets.** Si King and Dave Myers demonstrate indulgent dishes for entertaining guests. (R)
- 1.00 Athletics: Diamond League Shanghai Highlights.** The second Diamond League event of the season from China.
- 2.00 Triathlon World Series: Yokohama Highlights.** The fourth round of the ITU World Triathlon Series in Yokohama.
- 3.30 Diving: European Championships.** Live coverage of the men's 10m platform and women's 3m synchronised finals.
- 5.30 Flog It!** From Tatton Park, Cheshire. (R)
- 6.00 Choose the Right Puppy for You.** Part one of two. Kate Humble presents a guide to buying a dog, featuring advice from experts on how to pick one that best suits prospective owners' lifestyles and home environments. (R)
- 7.00 Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF.** The flyers attend the UK's largest air show, where the Red Arrows struggle to cope with the weather and a group of pilots reenact a Second World War 18-plane launch. (R)
- 8.00 Burma's Secret Jungle War with Joe Simpson.** Civil unrest during a Burmese election campaign halts the mountaineer's progress, but he eventually makes it to the battlefields where his father fought during the Second World War.
- 9.00 Louis Theroux: A Different Brain.** The reporter meets people recovering from brain injuries and the staff who treat them, discovering the challenges they face in rebuilding their lives and personalities.
- 10.00 QI XL.** Extended edition. Josh Widdicombe, Jo Brand, Phillip Jupitus and Alan Davies take part as host Stephen Fry asks a range of fiendish questions about lenses, lungs and legs. (R)
- 10.40 Stupid Man, Smart Phone.** New series. Russell Kane and Arron Crascall go on adventures around the world, using a smartphone to gain the information they need. In the first episode, they cross the Sahara.
- 11.30 FILM: Rescue Dawn (2006).** A fighter pilot leads a break-out from a prison camp and makes a desperate escape through the jungle. Werner Herzog's Vietnam War drama, starring Christian Bale and Steve Zahn.
- 1.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** (R)
- 2.25 Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)
- 3.25 This is BBC2.**
- 5.45 Flog It! Trade Secrets.** (R)

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show!** 6.25 Pat & Stan 6.35 Dino Dan 6.45 Dino Dan 7.00 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.05 Sooty 7.15 Super 4 7.30 Nerds & Monsters 7.45 The Tom & Jerry Show 8.00 Teen Titans Go!
- 8.25 ITV News.**
- 8.30 Weekend.** With guests Martin Shaw and Russell Kane.
- 9.25 Griff's Great Britain.** Griff explores the estuaries of Suffolk and Essex. (R)
- 10.00 Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine.
- 11.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
- 12.05 ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 12.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)
- 1.15 Planet's Got Talent.** Clips from the global Got Talent franchise. (R)
- 1.45 Fierce.** Steve Backshall seeks out fierce animals in Queensland, Australia. (R)
- 2.45 Britain's Got Talent.** The auditions reach their sixth week, as Ant and Dec introduce another selection of would-be stars to judges Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, David Walliams and Alesha Dixon. (R)
- 4.00 FILM: Uncle Buck (1989).** A good-natured slob gets a taste of responsibility when he is called upon to look after his trouble-making nephew and nieces. Comedy, starring John Candy and Macaulay Culkin.
- 6.00 ITV News Central;** Weather.
- 6.10 ITV News and Weather.**
- 6.30 The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Celebrity contestants Michael Parr, Alex Scott, Jennifer Metcalfe and Bill Turnbull answer questions and work as a team to take on the Chaser and secure a cash prize for charity.
- 7.30 Let's Do It: A Tribute to Victoria Wood.** Celebration of the late comedian's work, with contributions from famous fans and colleagues Lenny Henry, Peter Kay, Alison Steadman, Celia Imrie, Michael Ball and Anne Reid.
- 8.35 The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration.** Ant and Dec present a star-studded event celebrating the Queen's life from the Grounds of Windsor Castle, featuring archive footage and displays by more than 1500 performers.
- 11.05 ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 11.25 Pop Gold.** Musical clips from the ITV archives, beginning with a "hellraisers" theme, including rare recordings by Johnny Cash and classics by Oasis and the Sex Pistols. (R)
- 12.25 Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.00 Motorsport UK.** Highlights from Brands Hatch, featuring the Ginetta GT4 Supercup and the Renault UK Clio Cup. Commentary by Richard John Neil.
- 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.
- 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.10 The King of Queens.** Doug embarrasses Carrie at her boss's party. (R)
- 6.35 The King of Queens.** Doug goes clay pigeon shooting with Tim. (R)
- 7.00 The King of Queens.** Carrie and Doug begin to miss spending time alone together. (R)
- 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra's constant lateness angers Ray. (R)
- 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra wants to buy an expensive dress for Ally. (R)
- 8.25 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert contemplates leaving the police force. (R)
- 9.00 Sunday Brunch.** With guests Helen Skelton and Sara Pascoe.
- 12.00 Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Live.** Coverage of the fifth round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm).
- 3.35 FILM: Pocahontas (1995).** Disney animated drama, with the voice of Irene Bedard.
- 5.10 Channel 4 News.**
- 5.30 World's Weirdest Homes.** Charlie Luxton presents a guide to unusual residences. (R)
- 7.00 Kevin McCloud's Escape to the Wild.** The Grand Designs presenter meets people who have quit the rat race to live simpler lives, beginning with a British family who have relocated to a desert island. (R)
- 8.00 Paul Merton's Secret Stations.** The comedian searches for the hidden remains of china clay mines in Cornwall, and visits First World War trench training sites on the Pembrokeshire coast. Last in the series.
- 9.00 Indian Summers.** Alice and Charlie prepare to leave India for good, and as Chotipool goes under the hammer, Cynthia is locked in a bidding war. Final episode of the drama. Last in the series.
- 10.00 Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
- 11.00 Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Highlights.** Steve Jones presents action from the fifth round of the season at the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona.
- 12.10 FILM: The Ghost (2010).** Political thriller, starring Ewan McGregor and Pierce Brosnan.
- 2.35 Come Dine with Me.** Robert Johnston hosts the first dinner party in south London. (R)
- 3.00 Come Dine with Me.** Jennifer Joseph hosts the second dinner party in south London. (R)
- 3.25 Come Dine with Me.** Joe Kempster hosts the third dinner party in south London. (R)
- 3.55 Come Dine with Me.** Karen Hill hosts the penultimate dinner party in south London. (R)
- 4.20 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 4.45 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free.**
- 5.00 Posh Pawnbrokers.** A bus-load of antiques and a watch once owned by Saddam Hussein. (R)
- 5.55 Will & Grace.** (R)

Channel 5

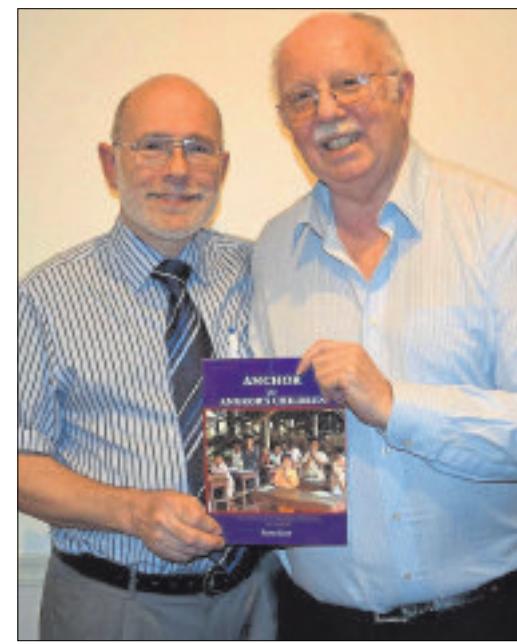
- 6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas 6.15 Angelina Ballerina 6.30 Bob the Builder 6.45 Ticky Toc 6.55 Zack and Quack 7.05 Pets 7.10 Noddy in Toyland 7.25 Paw Patrol 7.40 Little Princess 7.50 Pip Ahoy! 8.05 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.45 Wanda and the Alien 8.55 Toby's Travelling Circus 9.10 Jelly Jamm 9.30 LazyTown
- 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Part two of two. Splinter and Shredder are forced to team up. Last in the series.
- 10.30 The Gadget Show.** The latest tech intended to keep holidaymakers happy. Last in the series. (R)
- 11.25 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud 2.** A compilation of animal antics. (R)
- 12.30 FILM: Primates of the Caribbean (2012).** Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of Jason J Lewis.
- 2.00 FILM: Surf's Up (2007).** Animated comedy, with the voice of Jeff Bridges.
- 3.35 FILM: Beverly Hills Chihuahua (2008).** Comedy, with the voice of Drew Barrymore.
- 5.15 FILM: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (2013).** Premiere. Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Bill Hader.
- 7.00 Penguin A&E with Lorraine Kelly.** Cameras follow the presenter and staff at South Africa's penguin emergency department, including vet Natasha who is faced with a patient with a fish hook in its stomach. (R)
- 8.00 Beaver Las Vegas: Saving The Strip.** Documentary charting the efforts of a small team of eco-engineers who hope to harness and adapt the methods of beavers to prevent water shortages in North America's western states. (R)
- 8.55 5 News Weekend.**
- 9.00 FILM: 21 Jump Street (2012).** Two youthful-looking cops are sent undercover as high-school students to bring down a drug ring. Comedy inspired by the 1980s TV series, starring Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum. Edited for language.
- 11.10 FILM: My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006).** An insecure superhero is outraged at being dumped by her boyfriend, and in revenge uses her powers to make his life a misery. Fantasy comedy, starring Uma Thurman and Luke Wilson.
- 12.55 SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.10 The Yorkshire Vet.** Julian Norton answers an emergency callout to a herd of alpacas. (R)
- 4.00 Great Scientists.** A profile of Albert Einstein. (R)
- 4.25 House Doctor.** A couple from Milton Keynes hope to move to France. (R)
- 4.50 House Doctor.** A flat in Kensal Green, west London. (R)
- 5.15 Divine Designs.** Paul Binski chronicles the history of Britain's religious art. (R)
- 5.45 Angels of Jarm.** Virgil gets the blame for breaking a vase. (R)
- 5.50 Angels of Jarm.** (R)



Dave Andrews and rotarian and walker Ian Slipper



Mike Griffiths, Mike Garratt, Mike Jones and Denzil Ellis



Author Peter Keen and rotarian Brian Willis

Busy time for clubs



Mark Haskey from the Oswestry Men's Shed at work



Osyteers Cliff Wood, Jim Griffiths, Mike Joby and Merrick Corfield



Clare Bristol, Stan Smith and Judy Bristol



Morgan Darcy Rees-Deacon, Kitty Davenport and Martha Stewart



Osyteers Jim Griffiths and Merrick Corfield

MEMBERS of Oswestry's rotary clubs have been busy in the community in recent weeks.

Members of the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Osyeers have now completed more than 1,000 hours of voluntary work in the community since the Osyeers group was set up four years ago.

The latest task was to help out Mike Joby from Henged by clearing a number of large items he wanted removing from his garden.

A volunteer who has written a book about his work at an Asian children's hospital will donate all proceeds to the service, rotarians have heard.

Peter Keen, from Oswestry, has spent years helping at the Angkor Hospital for Children in Cambodia.

Money raised by the biomedical engineer's book, Anchor for Angkor's Children, will go towards medical equipment at the hospital.

Report by Naomi Penrose

Mr Keen, a member of the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club, said facilities at the hospital had grown rapidly since opening in 1999, providing clinical services and relief to countless families.

Anchor for Angkor's Children is published through Paragon Publishing. Mr Keen recently spoke at a meeting of the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary club where he stressed money for the hospital comes from fundraising.

Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club members were treated to a talk by Dave Andrews, the author of the walkers' guide to "The Oswestry Round" book.

Mr Andrews is an accomplished hill walker himself and has already written a number of guides to the mountains of Wales.

His latest guide is the "Oswestry Round", a circular walk through the beautiful countryside of North Shropshire starting and finishing at Lion Quays just outside Oswestry on the

A5. To formally launch the book and the walk he is promoting the first "Big Walk" challenge over the weekend of June 11-12 to raise much needed funds for Cancer Research UK and Lingen Davies Cancer Fund. Meanwhile the men from the Oswestry Men's Shed located on the Oswestry Showground have thanked people for donating tools to them.

They were looking for tools of all types and from all trades to use in their new workshop. The unwanted electrical tools, garden tools, power tools, wood working tools were collected from sheds and garages from a 15-mile radius of Oswestry and taken to the Men's Shed for checking over and refurbishment where necessary.

See more about the group by visiting the group's website at www.oswestrymensshed.co.uk, which is generously provided by the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club.

Members of Oswestry Rotary Club have been showing their support for young people by sponsoring a team from Moreton Hall School

who are taking part in a speaking competition.

The school team took part in the National Youth Speaks Competition at Kirkham Grammar School in Lancashire, the first time a team representing the Oswestry club has reached this level reflecting the impressive standard reached by the Moreton team. Youth Speaks is a Rotary competition that seeks to encourage public speaking and presentation skills in young people.

Dealing with the topic "feminism", Moreton Hall Seniors advanced through the preliminary rounds to win the regional final at Glyndwr University, Wrexham in March.

The Moreton Hall Senior's chairperson is Kitty Davenport, the speaker is Martha Stewart and the vote of thanks is delivered by Morgan Darcy Rees-Deacon.

Donations received by Oswestry Rotary Club's Tree of Light last Christmas continue to help local charities.

Mike Garratt, chairman of Oswestry & District Stroke Club, recently received a cheque

from the appeal to help with this year's running costs.

Rotarians Mike Griffiths, Mike Jones and Denzil Ellis attended the presentation.

Borderland Rotary Club members were recently introduced to Clare Bristol who works for the Healing Hands Network in Britain and abroad, offering relief from the suffering caused by war and the after-effects of war.

The network is a UK base self-funding charity, staffed by volunteer therapists who give support to those suffering from mental, physical and emotional after effects of war, particularly PTSD. Clinics were set up in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina when the Balkan war ended in 1996, using any primitive facilities available.

To date, around 60,000 treatments have been given and training is now being delivered to enable local healers to help the victims of war. Among the rotarians who Clare Bristol met were president Stan Smith and Judy Bristol.

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New MG SUV is unveiled

MG Motor UK took the wraps off its all-new SUV, the MG GS, at the London Motor Show and announced an automatic DCT gearbox will be available.

At an exclusive preview event at the Battersea Park show, MG pulled back the cover on the GS to reveal the striking new addition to the UK model range.

MG was also pleased to announce that the GS will come with the British manufacturer's first automatic transmission. The SUV's top specification model will be available with the option of a DCT gearbox, which will be more

responsive and provide customers with a much smoother ride. The GS will also come with an agile 1.5-litre turbo petrol engine and will be available in three different trim levels.

Matthew Cheyne, head of sales and marketing for MG, said: "When considering transmissions and engine choices, we listened to our customers and looked at market trends. It's not only a momentous occasion to unveil our first SUV, it is also a significant moment to announce our first automatic – something many of our customers have been waiting for, and so we're thrilled to be offering it to them."

MG is assuring customers that when

prices are announced in June, they will reflect the family pricing strategy.

Cheyne added: "Regarding how much this fantastic new car will cost, it will be consistent with our other models. We're proud of the fact our prices are transparent. When we say our cars are affordable, we mean it. The price structures are easy to understand and have no surprise additions."

"When we officially launch the GS next month, people will be able to find out more about the car's performance and when they can get behind the wheel of one."

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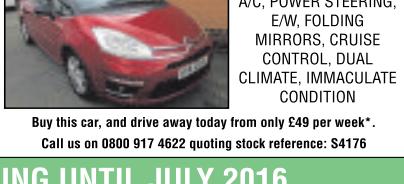
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Vauxhall new-style badging

Arthurs of Oswestry, the award-winning Vauxhall dealer, has welcomed the new X branding on all models in the respective ranges and the fact that the badging will be slightly different for the four wheel drive versions.

Sales manager Matt Hine said Arthurs of Oswestry very much approved the new style X badging on all future Vauxhall SUV's and compact utility vehicles, but on the four wheel drive models the badge will sit between the two fours.

Leading the way is the new Mokka X which also has a bold new design, new engine choice and Vauxhall's OnStar

connectivity system. Matt said: "Mokka X has been described as more chiselled with a wing shaped front grille. The inside has been given a more comprehensive redesign and there are shades of the Astra about the Mokka X's dashboard. That means a large IntelliLink touchscreen, fewer buttons and swathes of piano black trim which we believe will appeal to drivers."

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Porsche unveils Cayman

Just weeks after revealing the new turbocharged 718 Boxster, Porsche has unveiled the matching 718 Cayman.

It uses the same 2.0-litre 296bhp and 2.5-litre 345bhp flat-four engines in the new Cayman and Cayman S variants, the latter making use of variable vane turbo geometry technology taken from the 911 Turbo.

The extra power makes the Cayman S as fast off the line as the 911, notchng up the 0-62mph sprint in as little as 4.2 seconds with the PDK gearbox and Sport Chrono packs installed.

Official fuel efficiency is up to as much as 40.9mpg in the 2.0-litre car, while top speeds are 170mph and 177mph.

The suspension has been stiffened and the wheels and tyres made wider, in order to extract even more lateral grip from a car already well known for its cornering prowess.

Porsche has upgraded the brakes, too. The Cayman wears the system from the previous Cayman S, while the new S makes use of the four-piston calipers from the 911 Carrera, plus 6mm thicker discs.

As with the Boxster, two levels of Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) are available, lowering the car by 10mm and 20mm respectively, although the latter is only available on S models.

On the inside, Porsche Communication Management is now standard, to include mobile phone preparation, audio interfaces and a 150-Watt stereo.

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King's Head B...	5	2	2	3	13	57
Pheasant...	5	3	2	1	41	87
Ryal Navy Club...	5	24	2	3	19	34
Shakespeare...	5	23	1	2	20	31
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Marston's Newport Plate League

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Horns Gnosall...	5	9	3	2	30	24
Wheathe...	5	9	3	1	55	25
Junction A...	5	9	2	3	4	22
King's Head B...	5	8	2	3	30	28
Haberdashers...	5	8	2	4	20	28
Pheasant...	5	9	0	3	6	12
Royal Navy Club...	5	9	0	3	6	32
Shakespeare...	5	8	2	0	2	10

Marston's Newport Cup

Two points for missing a fixture

Highley Bowling League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Horsehay A...	5	5	1	0	46	25
Islanders A...	5	4	4	1	40	25
Higley A...	5	5	2	0	45	38
Bridgnorth A...	5	5	2	0	45	32
Stockton...	5	5	2	0	45	32
Madeley A...	5	4	2	2	25	25
C Mortimer A...	5	4	2	2	22	25
Broseley...	5	4	1	20	22	25
Horsehay B...	5	4	1	17	22	25
Islanders B...	5	4	1	16	22	25
Bylet A...	5	0	9	6	22	25

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Wenlock A...	5	4	4	1	35	25
Higley B...	5	4	3	1	35	25
Bridgnorth B...	5	4	3	1	31	25
Stockton...	5	4	2	2	29	25
Madeley B...	5	4	2	2	24	25
C Mortimer B...	5	4	2	2	22	25
Broseley...	5	4	1	22	22	25
Horsehay C...	5	4	1	17	22	25
Islanders C...	5	4	1	16	22	25
Bylet B...	5	4	0	13	22	25
Mortimer B...	5	3	0	5	20	25

Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League

First Teams

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Ombersley...	5	2	0	0	0	40	
Berkswell...	5	1	0	0	0	29	
WB Dartmouth...	5	1	0	0	0	28	
Knowle &...	5	1	0	0	0	26	
Worle &...	5	1	0	0	0	25	
Barn Green...	5	1	0	0	0	25	
Shrewsbury...	5	1	0	0	0	23	
Walsall...	5	1	0	0	0	23	
Attock...	5	0	0	1	0	12	
Wellington...	5	0	0	1	0	11	
Himley...	5	0	0	1	0	11	
Old Hill...	5	0	0	1	0	10	
Moseley...	5	0	0	2	0	0	
Alford Road BC...	5	0	0	2	0	0	
Frankwell...	5	0	0	2	0	0	

Division One

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Bridgnorth...	5	5	1	0	47	25	
Monks...	5	4	2	1	41	25	
Walsall...	5	4	2	0	40	25	
Attock...	5	4	2	0	37	25	
Wellington...	5	4	2	0	37	25	
Himley...	5	4	2	0	35	25	
Old Hill...	5	4	2	0	33	25	
Moseley...	5	4	2	0	32	25	
Alford Road BC...	5	4	2	0	29	25	
Frankwell...	5	4	2	0	29	25	

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Harborne...	5	2	0	0	0	40	
Tamworth...	5	2	0	0	0	40	
Stratford-upon-Avon...	5	2	0	0	0	27	
Halesowen...	5	2	0	1	0	25	
Oxon...	5	4	1	0	42	18	
Oxon Village...	5	5	0	0	42	18	
Corbet Arms...	5	4	1	0	39	17	
Cefn-y-llyn...	5	4	1	0	39	17	
Wem B...	5	2	0	4	33	17	
S'ide St Julian...	5	3	0	3	39	15	
Cefn-y-llyn Club...	5	4	1	0	36	15	
Wem C...	5	4	1	0	36	15	
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Wem B...	5	4	1	0	36	15	
Wem C...	5	4	1	0	36</td		

On-a-roll George bowlers win again

GEORGE kept up the early pressure on the leaders in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division three with an 8-2 home beating of lowly Ruabon B.

Russell Ellis continued his fine form with a 21-5 win to help George take the shots by 38 (143-105), and in the process keeping him among the leading pack in the averages with his fourth straight win.

Bryan Hopkins was the best of the night to four, while Andy Knott was a third single figure winner when prevailing to six.

BLACK LION remain top, now five points clear after their 8-2 (156-122) verdict at basement side **WHITTINGTON E**, Andrew Jones winning 21-10 to top the averages, while Arthur Jones (21-9) took the coppers.

Karl Adams (21-20) has also won all four for the Lion to maintain his fine start to the season, while Eirlys Williams (21-4) replied for the hosts.

CHURCH C moved into the leading pack in division four with a 7-3 (135-106) home success against **LLANMYNECH B**.

Steve Turner (21-2) was the best of three single figure winners for the home side while Dale Pritchard (21-7) replied.

In division five, **WESTON RHYN B** are a point clear at the top following their 7-3 (34 shots) success against visiting **CRIFTINS D**, with good wins from Jason Leightwood and Malcolm Jones to seven and eight respectively.

Staying hard on their heels are **WHITTINGTON C** following their 8-2 home verdict against Corwen B in which seven shots separated the sides, Jamie Ward their best winner to 13 and Terri Isherwood prevailing 21-14.

Results

Division three: Johnstown D 9 (151) Chirk B 1 (111), Whittington E 2 (122) Black Lion 8 (156), Fox Lane 3 (118) Plas Kynaston A 7 (136), George 8 (143) Ruabon B 2 (105), Langollen B 8 (141) Ellesmere A 2 (112), Cefn Valley B 6 (136) Llanymynech C 3 (123).

Division four: Llanrhedr B 1 (120) Cefn Valley C 9 (153), Plas Kynaston B 5 (136) Llanfyllin A 5 (125), Cynwyd B 8 (153) Weston Rhyn C 2 (119), Llangynog B 8 (151) Johnstown E 2 (106), Church C 7 (135) Llanymynech B 3 (106), Overton B 8 (135) Cefn Valley C 6 (98).

Division five: Whittington C 8 (147) Corwen B 2 (140), Weston Rhyn B 7 (161) Criftins D 3 (127), Chirk C 3 (129) Church D 7 (133), Ye Olde Croft B 7 (134) Whittington F 3 (115).

Division six: Llanymynech C 9 (159) Weston Rhyn D 7 (95), Penre Broughton 10 (168) Cynwyd C 8 (85), Llanrhedr B 2 (123) Cefn Valley B 6 (125), Criftins E 9 (166) Llanfyllin B 1 (58), Llanrhedr E 4 (131) Ponciau Park 6 (135).

Ifton beaten but remain in top spot

IFTON remain top of the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League by virtue of shots despite being beaten 11-3 away to Bylet in their latest action.

The St Martins side had gone clear at the summit following their 9-5 win over fellow table toppers St Georges earlier in the week, but were pegged back two days later after they could only manage three winners at Bylet who comfortably won the aggregate by 72 (244-172).

Scott Harries was the pick of Ifton's players when producing a most valuable player display with his 21-16 victory against Nick Powney.

Carl Roberts won to 19 and Keiron Roberts shaded a narrow 21-20 victory for the other two wins, while Nick Hughes lost to 20.

They now share pole position with St Georges whom they defeated 9-5 at home in their rearranged clash in midweek, taking the aggregate by 35 shots (238-203).

Leighton Roberts and Craig Griffiths were the biggest winners after both prevailed 21-9, while Dave Rocky Jones took the most valuable player honour after securing a 21-11 win against Andy Morgan.

Other victories came from Dave Bond (21-14), Ian Metcalf (21-17), Darren Lacey (21-18) and Nick Hughes (21-20).

After their reverse at Bylet, Ifton will now be looking to get a good win under their belts at home to Castlefields on Friday night as they bid to maintain their early challenge.

Monty bowlers show way in crushing win

EARLY pacesetters Montgomery maintained their flying start to the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division two with a crushing 128-run victory over Ellesmere.

The win kept them clear at the top, with the bowlers again in fine fettle as they skittled their visitors for just 47 in reply to 175-8 to claim a maximum 25 points.

Batting first, Monty were indebted to fine middle contributions from Sam Williams (54) and James Corfield (42no) to post a healthy total in their 45 overs.

Ellesmere then fell well short in reply as Fraser Duncan (10) was the only batsman to reach double figures in their paltry 47 all out. Patrick Fletcher bagged 4-21 and Edward Bennett 4-5, while there were two wickets for Corfield (2-12).

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY hit the run trail against Wellington III in division one, but could not force victory as heavy rain forced their encounter to be abandoned.

Put in to bat, they prospered to the tune of 283-8 from their 50 overs, with half centuries from opener Steven Gray (51) and wicketkeeper Gary Darlington (55), while Andy Beckett weighed in with 32 along with late contributions from Carl Morris (36no) and Jamie Jagger (25no).

Wellington were toiling on 146-8 with nine overs remaining, but Knockin's hopes of forcing victory were frustrated by heavy rain which brought an early conclusion.

Joel Whitehouse took 4-35 and Matty Evans 2-26 as their side picked up 14 points.

FRANKTON II were spared by the weather as they held on for a losing draw at Madeley II in the reserve division one.

They had been chasing 174-9 in 45 overs, Jack Kelly taking 5-42, but were toiling on 110-8 in reply with 13 overs left before the rain came. They picked up nine points for the draw.

Clarke shines with bat in Oswestry win

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

TEENAGER Xavier Clarke cracked a terrific 93 to help set up a fine 43-run win for Oswestry at Stourbridge in division two of the Birmingham League – while South African newcomer Junaid Cassiem also announced his arrival with a sparkling innings.

Fifteen-year-old Clarke, Shropshire's Junior Cricketer of the Year in 2015, smashed 10 fours to help Oswestry to 252-8 in their allotted 50 overs.

He shared a stand of 81 with Cassiem, who blasted 61 off 52 balls on his debut before running himself out. Skipper Jonathan Miles chipped in with 22 and Jonny Davies with 19.

Pace man Dan Bowen took two early wickets when Stourbridge replied, before the three former left-arm spinners took centre stage.

Charlie Morris dismissed West Indian danger man Tarryck Gabriel for 28 with the first ball he bowled, and followed up by trapping Josh Banks lbw with his next delivery.

Mark Robinson then bowled top scorer Alex Bingham (38) with a quicker ball before Warrick Fynn finished off the innings with 3-32. Morris and Robinson both returned figures of 2-24 as Stourbridge were bowled out for 209.

"It was great to get a win under our belts, and to see Xavier and Junaid bat so well," said skipper Miles. "We've now got two home games on the trot, and we'll be looking to put some more points on the board."

Oswestry are at home to Tamworth on Saturday (midday), a side which has won both its opening games.

A century opening stand between Mike O'Reilly and Kevin Evans laid the foundation for an excellent win by **OSWESTRY II** against powerful Barnet Green at Morda Road on Saturday. O'Reilly hit 70 and Evans 64 as they put on 160 for the first wicket to help Oswestry to an impressive 43-over total of 255-5.

Alun Morris added a stylish 29no and Simon Corbett 22.

Evans then turned his attention to bowling, taking 4-37 from nine accurate overs of medium pace.

Spinner Sam Davies weighed in with 4-36 as Barnet Green were bowled out for 172 in just 31.3 overs.

A heavy storm denied **OSWESTRY III** the chance of victory against their Newport counterparts at Morda Road on Sunday.

Adam Woodcock (39), skipper Iwan Roberts (37) and Max Payne (25) led the way as Oswestry reached 180-9 in their 35 overs.

Adam Lloyd (3-26) then dismissed the top three batsmen, and Newport were in trouble on 103-5 when the match was abandoned.

Stand-in skipper Keith Sadler hit a maiden league half-century for **OSWESTRY IV** at Whitchurch III, but his young side still went down by seven wickets.

Sadler (59) and Ollie Roberts (12) put on 80 for the first wicket as Oswestry reached 164-9.

Josh Darley showed great promise on his debut, batting for 15 overs on his way to 19no. Whitchurch chased down the runs for the loss of three wickets, despite some spirited bowling by a young attack. Darley, Roberts and George Weston all took their first wickets in senior cricket.

OSWESTRY SECONDS travel to Bridgnorth for a Shropshire derby on Saturday (12.30). The Thirds visit Worfield Thirds on Sunday, when the Fourths entertain Ludlow Fourths at Oswestry School (both 1.30).

Four-midable Town win again



Trophy time – the FC Oswestry players and officials celebrate their Shropshire Challenge Cup win at the Greenhouse Meadow and (below) man of the match Jack Harris with the bubbly

HIGH-FLIERS FC Oswestry Town completed a clean sweep of trophies by lifting the Shropshire Challenge Cup with a 4-0 victory over Rock Rovers at Shrewsbury Town's Greenhouse Meadow.

Goals from Jack Harris, Guy Guilford, Elliott Howes and substitute Graham Dyke saw off a battling Rovers side to clinch a fourth piece of silverware this term.

It capped a remarkable season for Oswestry area clubs, with The New Saints and TNS Ladies also securing trebles during their respective campaigns to pick up a total of 10 trophies.

TNS men clinched a domestic treble for the second successive season after a 2-0 victory against Airbus UK in the Welsh Cup final to add to the Word League Cup and a fifth successive Welsh Premier League title.

Memorable

The Saints Ladies also won a treble this season after picking up the Shropshire Women's Cup, the West Midlands Regional Premier League and Cup double as well as the Commander Ethelston Cup to make it a memorable season for Nick Maguire's side.

FC Oswestry Town's latest success came hard on the heels of the Mercian Regional Premier League and Cup double as well as the Commander Ethelston Cup to make it a memorable season for Nick Maguire's side.

They never looked back after taking a 19th minute lead when Harris drove a 30-yard shot past keeper Ben Atter.

A second goal arrived on the half hour when Chris Bishop's shot was parried by Atter, and the incoming Guilford smashed

the rebound into the net.

Town were three up in first half injury time when Harris played a short free kick to Guilford, whose low cross fell to Howes who fired home.

The scoring was completed seven minutes from time as Guil-

ford's cross was headed home by Dyke.

Town, who have applied to join the North West Counties League next season, still have one league game remaining when they visit AFC Broseley on Saturday, May 21.

Whittington storm clear as weather takes its toll

WHITTINGTON A stormed to the top of the Oswestry and District Bowling League division one with a 9-1 hammering at home to Oswestry A.

The villagers made it four wins out of five in emphatic fashion on a wet night, prevailing by 42 shots (165-123).

Julian Turner was their best of the night to 10 while Mike Brunt won to 11, and Mel Morris and Brian Sinker were both 21-12 victors.

Granum Humphreys also prevailed 21-19 to make it five wins out of five to head the division one averages.

The in-form Jamie Waugh (21-18) grabbed a consolation for Church who are languishing in the lower reaches after a disappointing start that has seen four defeats in five outings.

By contrast, Whittington are going great guns, and are now seven points clear at the top of the table after being involved in one of the few first division games to survive the wet weather.

Overton A are up to second after beating the rain to record a slender 6-4 success against Johnstown to B, taking the victory by just one shot (148-147).

It was a bleak picture elsewhere, with **WESTON RHYN A**'s trip to **CRIFTINS C** called off due to a waterlogged green. It is hoped to rearranged the match in two weeks.

Heavy rain also put a dampener on the fixture list in division two, with just three matches managing to go ahead following the deluge.

LLANMYNECH A beat the weather, and maintained their flying start with a 9-1 (163-97) home romp against Llangynog A.

The hosts had four single figure wins, with Dougie Briscoe and Kieran Condin (21-14) all in the top 10 of the averages with four wins from five appearances.

LLANRHAEDR A also cashed in with a dominant 9-1 (167-99) win at newcomers Berشم to move up to second place.

The visitors, who have already played four games on the road, had four single figures winners, with Mel Roberts (21-5) leading the way, along with Neil Jones (21-7) and Stephen and Brian Jones (both 21-9).

CRIFTINS B also played in the rain, but went down 7-3 (136-121) at Cynwyd A despite a resounding 21-1 win from Keith Miner.

CHURCH B's home meeting with **WHITTINGTON B** succumbed to the elements, with the rearranged match expected to be played in a fortnight.

Fixtures for Tuesday, May 17

Div One: Johnstown B v Ruabon A, Church A v Criftins C, Cefn Valley B v Llangollen A, Chirk A v Conwen A, Whittington A v Johnstown A, Walsall A v Cefn Valley C.

Div Two: Llangynog A v Church B, Flexys A v Criftins C, Criftins B v Whittington B, Llanrhedr A v Cynwyd A, Ye Olde Croft A v Berشم, Ellesmere B v Llanymynech A.

Berrie are winners at the double

MANAGER Dave Jones hailed a "fantastic season" after his Berrie side added the ER Jenkins Cup to their Spar Mid Wales League division two title.

A resounding 5-0 win over Radnor Valley in the cup final saw the Rhiewsiders end the season in style, and Jones looks to build on that.

The goals were shared with Rich Davies, Will Gittins, Karl Sellaerts, Ross Harris and Jack Lewis all on target for the triumphant Rhiewsiders who rounded off their campaign in impressive fashion.

"The season has been fantastic and I am immensely proud of the players," said the former Welshpool boss. "This team will only get better as a number of the players are still only aged between 16 and 20."



Glas find winning form after nervy start

CAE GLAS are up and running in the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division two after securing a six wicket win at Tibberton.

After two defeats, the Oswestry side prospered in the sunshine as they skittled their hosts for 84 with Dave Smith (4-17) and leg spinner Barry Richards (3-19) doing the damage.

Their efforts were supported by some good work in the field that saw skipper George Candler have a profitable day behind the wicket with three stumpings and a catch.

In reply, Cae Glas lost early wickets, and at one stage with 6-2 and 34-4, but Candler (23no) and Richards (29no) steadied the nerves with an unbroken 54-run stand to see their side to victory and 24 points.

It was not such a good day for CAE GLAS II who slumped to a 152-run defeat to Bromore Heath II at Gatacre in reserve division two.

Bromore amassed 213-5 in 45 overs with opener Stuart Simpson top scoring on 79 and skipper Paul Molland hitting 57.

In reply, Glas crumbled for just 60, with Shaun Southern (20) and Tim Turner (11) the only batsmen to reach double figures as Andy McIlroy bagged 4-5 in eight overs.

After a couple of early setbacks, WELSHPOOL notched their first win in division two with a four wicket success at Wheaton Aston as their batsmen found form.

They restricted their hosts to 173-4 in 40 overs, opener Nathan Whittingham top scoring with 42, while Tom Anderson took 2-28 off 10 overs.

Pool made a poor start in reply, losing both openers cheaply, but recovered thanks to an unbeaten 71 from Dale Evans and 51 from Matthew Knight to reach their target with more than three overs to spare, Dan Chodecki also chipping in with 26.

GUILSFIELD continue to go great guns in division four after sweeping aside Allscott III to cement their early position at the top of the table.

Put in to bat, Allscott were limited to 96, opener Luke Thornton providing the chief resistance with 42, while Sam Griffiths proved a handful with 5-12 off seven overs.

Griffiths then struck an unbeaten 57 to see Guils to their modest target inside 17 overs, including four sixes and five fours, while fellow opener Gary Lewis made 21.

Former Wigan midfielder on way to TNS

FORMER Wigan Athletic midfielder Jon Routledge has joined Welsh Premier champions The New Saints on a two-year deal after leaving Ladbrokes Championship outfit Dumbarton.

The 26-year-old became the second signing in a matter of days after teenager Tom Matthews joined from Queens Park Rangers.

Born in Liverpool, Routledge featured in the Barclays Premier League for Wigan against Portsmouth back in 2009 having started his football career at Liverpool's infamous Academy.

In 2010, he joined Scottish Premier League side Hamilton Academical on loan, before signing a permanent deal with The Accies after impressing at New Douglas Park.

A short spell at Stockport County followed before a move back to Hamilton six months later where he once again linked up with current North City manager Alex Neil.

In July 2015, Routledge signed a one-year contract with Scottish Championship side Dumbarston and went on to make 38 appearances for The Dons.

Saints boss Craig Harrison is looking to increase the quality of his squad to improve the chances of more success on the European stage.

TNS will enter the Champions League in the first qualifying round with the draw to take place in Geneva on Monday June, 20.

Llanfair sign off with narrow defeat

LLANFAIR UNITED ended their Cymru Alliance season with an eighth straight defeat as they succumbed 1-0 at home to Holywell Town.

It was another slender defeat for United, with Phil Lloyd's well taken 28th minute goal enough to give the Wellmen the spoils at the Mount Field.

Despite the result, and finishing second from bottom, Llanfair may be spared relegation as only one side looks likely to drop down this season.

GUILSFIELD also brought the curtain down on their campaign with a loss when going down 3-1 at Prestatyn Town.

The Seasiders were three goals to the good through Connor Shackleton (8), Jordan Davies (43) and Jon Fisher Cooke (72), before Aaron Edwards netted a consolation three minutes from time.

Despite the defeat, the Guils finish a creditable fourth position in the table.

Caerws failed to dampen Caernarfon Town's title party as they slipped to an 8-3 defeat in an end of season goal fest at the hands of the newly crowned champions.

Fielding a scratch line-up including several youngsters, the Bluebirds found themselves four goals

down inside 15 minutes before steady the ship to trail 5-3 at half time. Both sides had chances after the break, before Caernarfon ran out convincing winners before picking up the league trophy in front of a 500 plus crowd at the Oval.

Ramos Helder, Josh Hartrick and Phil Jones were on the mark for the Bluebirds while Darren Thomas scored a hat-trick for the home side.

Relegated Rhayader Town ended with a 4-0 home loss to Cefn Druids who, by virtue of the victory, finished runners-up to earn a return to the Welsh Premier next season.

Eagles promoted after play-off joy

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

ON-SONG OSWESTRY are celebrating promotion to rugby's South Lancs and Cheshire One following a stirring 23-7 play-off win against Ruskin Park at Granville Park.

The stakes were high in the sun-drenched play-off showdown that featured the runners-up in the Cheshire South and the Merseyside West.

Ultimately, it was the Eagles who achieved the aim of stepping up a level next season following a terrific win in a tense and tight affair watched by a bumper crowd.

Ruskin Park had made the trip to Granville Park hoping to maintain their impressive run against an Oswestry side who were unbeaten at home in the league this season.

A penalty awarded close to the 22 metre line gave the Eagles first blood as Fin Grogan supplied the kick through the posts.

Youngster Grogan increased the lead with a second penalty but Ruskin Park, who had been left dazed by the early ferocity and skill of this Oswestry team, started to regain a bit of composure.

Eventually, their efforts paid off as the pressure carved a small gap in the home rearguard and the visitors found a way through for a converted touchdown for a 7-6 interval lead.

Soon from the kick-off, the hosts were on the attack, but a tough Ruskin outfit were proving a hard nut to crack.

Then it came in the form of the Lanyard Bowdler man-of-the-match Tom Hill, a deceptive and confident young player just turned 18.

With a deft pass from Gaz Hughes, Hill sped towards the try line, past one man then another before touching down for the try. Oswestry deservedly needed.

Grogan again converted to give Os a 13-7 lead.

Buoyed by their try, Oswestry were now taking control of the game with the skill and expertise gained from many hours of training through the winter months.

They stretched their advantage through a third Grogan penalty after forcing an infringement with the pressure they were putting on Ruskin Park.

The Eagles were now in full flight, with Scott Double, another powerful player, coming on to supplement the impressive Os pack.

With time running out, more fantastic play by the hosts forced another penalty and a yellow card for Ruskin Park.

Gaz Hughes was quick to capitalise as he picked up the ball and stormed towards the try line to grab a decisive second touchdown.

New Saints Ladies win treble



TNS captain Amy Tomei, playing her last game for the club, on the ball in the Shropshire Women's Cup final at the Greenhouse Meadow with Town's goalscorer Danni Smith

THE New Saints Ladies emulated their male counterparts by completing a famous treble after retaining the Shropshire Women's Cup for a fifth successive season with a 2-1 win over Shrewsbury Town Ladies.

The final victory at Shrewsbury's Greenhouse Meadow capped a memorable campaign after clinching the West Midlands League premier division as well as the league cup.

They were made to work hard against a Town side who were playing their first Shropshire final in eight years, but prevailed through a Charlotte Turner own goal and Emily Ridge, with Danni Smith levelling for Shrewsbury.

The Saints made the perfect start when taking the lead on eight minutes after Maddie Jones was fouled by Jess Hicks on the corner of the box.

The free kick by Laura Morris was met by Town defender Charlotte Turner who could do no more than direct the ball into the top corner of her own net.

However, Shrewsbury levelled less than a minute later when

Smith broke down the left wing before her shot from 25 yards flew over keeper Ceri Evans and into the net.

Stung by the leveller, the holders pushed to regain their lead, with Morris seeing her shot well saved by Beth Cleveley in the Town goal after a darting run.

Morris then played in Ridge but her shot dipped too late and rattled against the crossbar, while Morris blazed well over.

The Saints started much the brighter side in the second half with Ridge continuing to cause problems, but dragged one shot wide while Stacey Gartham was also off target.

However, the club's leading scorer would not be denied in the 64th minute when, released by captain Amy Tomei, she rounded the keeper before slotting into the net.

Shrewsbury had a chance to level less than a minute later when Smith drove forward on the inside left, but fired low and wide of the left post from 20 yards.

The Saints went close to adding to their lead, with Ridge's shot

from the by-line parried to safety by keeper Cleveley who was also called into action again just minutes later.

With less than 10 minutes on the clock, Charlotte Canlett played a high through ball to Sam Berry whose chip was kept out by the keeper's finger tips.

Ridge was next to go close when a through ball by Canlett saw her cut inside before her near post shot was once again parried away by the impressive Cleveley.

But TNS had already done enough to secure the trophy again, while completing a memorable treble in the process.

Manager Joe Thompson, who stepped down from his role after the game, admitted it was the perfect way to sign off.

"There are no words I can say that can explain how pleased I am for that group of players," said. "What a season and what a group they are, and this win has also off target."

"We have been head a shoulders above everyone we've come across and it's fitting we have three trophies to show for it."

New sides taste defeat on league debut

TENNIS by John Bridgwater

fore fading in the second set to go down 2-6.

Hampson and Nurse, who were partnering each other for the first time, went down 2-6, 3-6 against the Wem second pair but came out much stronger in their rubber against the Wem firsts.

After dropping the first set 3-6 they stormed back to take the second set 6-0 only to lose on a close third set deciding tie-break 0-1(8-10).

Although they dropped all eight points, the overall performance from such an inexperienced side will give them much confidence on playing the "big points" under pressure in their future fixtures.

Meanwhile, the ladies third team were hosting their closest rivals, Criftins IV in division 6N.

In the first round rubbers, the first pair of Carol Slater and Jo Dalietos sailed through the first set in dropping only one game in taking it 6-1.

However, in the second set, the Criftins' pair came back strongly to win 6-2 and take the rubber to a deciding third set tie-break.

The Oswestry pair took an early four point lead which they maintained to take it 1-0 (10-6).

The second pair of captain Linda Davies and partner Carol Johnson, however, lost in two very close sets 4-6, 4-6.

In the reverse rubbers, Slater and Dalietos won in straight sets 6-2, 6-3, but Davies and Johnson went down in straight sets 2-6, 2-6.

With rackets level at 2-2, the result went Criftins' way by virtue of winning five sets to four.

Oswestry, meanwhile, held their second monthly tournament of the year which was enjoyed by members of the club on the first sunny evening.

After the round robin heats, the final saw Andy Field and Amanda Coxhead narrowly defeat Clare Hann and Emily Lowe to come out the eventual winners. The tennis was followed by a buffet supper.

Welshpool golfers are shining in sunshine

WHAT a difference a week makes at Welshpool Golf Club.

On Sunday last, high winds and rain combined to produce a string of nil returns from the morning's competitors in the TH Puleston Jones Cup.

This left the afternoon players a clear field and Ken Stephens (11) won on count-back with 33 points from Jonathan Gamble (4). This left third place to Charlie Emberton who scored 30 points.

Roll the clock on one week and temperatures in the mid-20s produced the best conditions seen on The Golfa this spring an ideal stage on which to play the first home match of the year of the Montgomery League against Llanymynech.

Despite a strong showing by the visitors in the new four ball better ball format, Welshpool proved the clear winners by 258 points to 232. These points will now be added to the table from which the final winners of this 6 legged competition will emerge.

Those not playing in the league match were able to compete in the Presidents Cup round one of three. Mark Fletcher (6) proved the early leader winning on count-back with 39 points from Jonathan Gamble (4). Robert Beech (22) came a very close third with 38 points.

On Sunday, the Vincent Greenhouse Bogey saw some fine play with Richard Jones (7) emerging a close winner with a score of plus-7. Graham Jones (12) came second with plus-6 and Carwyn Jones (14) was third with plus-3.

Welshpool seniors started the week with a captain's choice Stableford. The winner was Harold Norris (22) with 34 points. In second place was Graham Hughes (16) with 30 points and in third place was Peter Sharman (23) with 28 points.

The seniors May medal was held on Thursday where a good turnout in sunny weather saw Will Cooke (20) dominate with a net 74 followed closely by Keith Roberts (19) with 75 and in third place was Kevin Salter (15) with 76.

Morda spoil party for the Llan champs

MORDA UNITED proved party gatecrashers as they ran out 1-0 winners at newly crowned champions Llanfair United reserves in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one to keep alive their hopes of finishing runners-up.

Llanfair were presented with their championship trophy on their big day, but it was Morda who came away with the points to dampen the celebrations. They dominated the encounter but missed chances meant they had to rely on an own goal created by goalkeeper Josh Thomas to secure the victory.

This early evening kick-off resulted in several Morda players being unavailable, but manager Colin Turner shuffled his pack and produced a new solid central defensive partnership of Danny Owen and Aled Davies.

They snuffed out any threats from the Llanfair attack while Emlyn Williams dominated with his silky skills in midfield and went close to breaking the deadlock when forcing a superb save from the keeper.

Morda turned up the heat after the interval but, with 10 minutes remaining it was goalkeeper Josh Thomas who created the team's 50th goal of the season with a long clearance which found the net via a home defender.

This result leaves Morda with a chance of securing the runners-up spot in the league and with a league cup semi-final still to play.

A few days before, Morda produced their best performance of the season when killing off Gullsfield Res' hope of winning the league by hitting six goals without reply.

In-form Emlyn Williams claimed a hat-trick alongside a goal each from Harry Davies, George Turner and Adam Jones.

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Wilde one of seven on way out of Saints

SEVEN players are leaving treble-winners The New Saints in an end-of-season shake-up at Park Hall – with prolific striker Mike Wilde and defender Kai Edwards among the most high-profile departures.

Also leaving the Welsh Premier champions are Ryan Edwards, Danny Gosset, Steve Kershaw, Fisnik Hajdari and Jordan Wells.

Since being discovered playing for Poulton Victoria by then manager Ken McKenna, Wilde became the most successful striker in the Saints' history with a record 151 goals for the club and lies seventh on the Welsh Premier League's all-time goal scoring list.

The 33-year-old went on to become TNS supporters' player of the season in 2004/5 and 2005/6 and was also chosen for the league dream team in 2005/6.

Wilde left Park Hall to join Fleetwood in January 2009, was loaned to Halifax in March 2010 and then spent two seasons with Chester FC, notching 36 goals from 43 games and played a major role in the club's promotion.

The marksman returned to TNS in June 2012 and ended the next campaign as the league's leading scorer and was voted Welsh Premier player of the season in 2012/13. He has also scored six European goals, including a hat-trick against B36 Torshavn last July.

Kai Edwards (25) is regarded as one of the Welsh Premier's leading defenders. A rising star at Wrexham, he was capped by the Wales under-21s. He signed for TNS in June 2012 and scored 12 league goals, while also making nine Champions League appearances for the club.

Ryan Edwards is a youth team product of Gap Connah's Quay who was handed a first team chance in season 2012/13 and, after impressing in the Welsh Premier, signed a full-time pro contract with TNS in January 2014.

He was loaned to Cefn Druids in September 2014 to gain more first team experience but has failed to break into the regular first-team ranks.

Gosset joined TNS in September and spent the second half of the season back on-loan at Rhyl while Kershaw, Wells and Hajdari are all products of the TNS Scholarship scheme.

No-show means that COBRA avoid drop

COBRA live to fight another season in rugby's Swalec Welsh League division one (north) after basement rivals Dolgellau failed to show for their crunch clash.

The Meifod men were up for the big game, but it proved a real let-down after being told that their visitors could not field a team.

With the likelihood that Dolgellau will be docked four points, COBRA are now safe from relegation, while any doubt was further eased after Dolgellau were thrashed 57-12 by Llanfedi last weekend.

Although nothing is now riding on the match, it must still be played before May 21, with the clubs hoping to reschedule it for later this week.

Meanwhile, COBRA II will be chasing silverware when they take on Machynlleth in the final of the Cambrian Training Mid Wales Plate at Llanidloes on Saturday, May 28 (1.30).

COUNTY ARE AT MORDA ROAD

SHROPSHIRE'S cricketers return to Oswestry this weekend with new county captain Steve Leach insisting they always enjoy their trips to Morda Road.

Shropshire are keen to build on the impressive victory secured in their last game when they resume their quest to qualify for the knockout stages of the Unicorns Trophy against Cheshire on Sunday (11am).

Shropshire lost a high-scoring game against Northumberland by six runs on their last appearance at Oswestry last May, despite a century from local lad Joe Clarke, who has enjoyed such an impressive start to the current season in the first-class game with Worcestershire.

"It's a really nice ground and the Shropshire guys really enjoy going there," said Leach, an opening batsman. "It's usually a decent batting pitch, so hopefully it will be a high-scoring game and be nice and exciting for everyone."

Leach was pleased to enjoy his first win as county captain at the expense of Wales Minor Counties in Abergavenny on May 1 - and now he wants Shropshire to hit the heights once more against Cheshire.

Leach said the performance against Wales, which kept alive Shropshire's qualification hopes, was just what he was looking for after the county opened the season with a home defeat against Herefordshire.

"We are up and running and in pretty emphatic style as well," he said. "It was an absolutely great win. We asked for a reaction from the Herefordshire game where we know we were under par, especially with the bat."

Pressure

"It was pretty brutal at times against Wales and it was a really good all round team performance, exactly what we wanted. We want to put the opposition under a lot of pressure, we did that, and thankfully they succumbed."

Leach stressed the importance of Shropshire maintaining the winning feeling against Cheshire, conceding there's little room for error if the county are to stay on course to qualify.

He added: "As soon as you lose a one-day game, all the others become must-win games. The Cheshire game is important, but if we win our remaining games then we qualify. Let's not leave it in anyone else's hands."

Sunday's match against Cheshire starts at 11am and admission at Oswestry is free.

Shropshire are also in action on Friday when they host first-class neighbours Worcestershire in an attractive Twenty20 clash at Shifnal Cricket Club (5pm).

Shropshire chairman Toby Shaw said he was delighted to have again secured the fixture with Worcestershire and he hopes a big crowd will enjoy tomorrow night's game. Admission at Shifnal will be £5 for adults and £2 for under-16s.

"We've got a good relationship with Worcestershire and playing them is always an enjoyable occasion," he added. "We're also going to be supporting Worcestershire captain Daryl Mitchell's benefit season, so we're very much looking forward to the game."

Eagles fly up after play-off win



Oswestry's players celebrate promotion after their rousing 23-7 victory against Ruskin Park at Granville Park while (below) skipper Andy Smith leading the defence and celebrating a try



ON the up – Oswestry's rugby players are savoring the prospect of new challenges next season after clinching promotion to the South Lancs and Cheshire One.

As runners-up in the Cheshire South, the Eagles had to go into the play-offs – but rose to the occasion as they defeated Merseyside West side Ruskin Park 23-7 at sun-drenched Granville Park.

They scored two tries through man-of-the-match Tom Hill and Gaz Hughes, while fly-half

Fin Grogan kicked 13 points to complete the tally.

Sunday's victory in front of a bumper crowd ended a terrific campaign for the border men who will now be looking forward to tougher tests at a new level next season.

The club are always on the lookout for new players, and are inviting any aspiring youngsters to come training at the start of the new season.

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